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Biggest stage of all for voluntary group

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A VOLUNTARY drama group from Milton Keynes will perform in front of world leaders at the International Holocaust Remembrance Day service in Brussels – just one year after they formed.

Voices of the Holocaust has been asked to stage a specially adapted version of its first production 'I Never Saw Another Butterfly' by European Parliament president, Jose Manuel Barroso, in recognition of 'the quality of its work'.

The audience will include Prime Minister Antonis Samaras of Greece and acclaimed writer and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

More than six million Jews were killed by the Nazi regime during the Second World War.

Artistic director Cate Hibbert was 'overcome' at the exciting opportunity to perform on January 27.

She exclusively told MK NEWS: "It is emotionally overwhelming to think that we only premiered our first productions on Holocaust Memorial Day 2013 and now we have the biggest stage we could wish for as part of International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the European Parliament in Brussels.

"It is such an honour for a new, unfunded theatre company, staffed by volunteers and young actors who have freely given their time and talents, to come to the attention of the European Jewish Congress and



Hitting the big time: Actors from Voices of the Holocaust, from left, Gregory Maho, Benji Dotan and Bradley Smith. The group has been commissioned to perform at a memorial service at the European Parliament later this month

other leading authorities."

It marks a major milestone for the company, which has been a long-time dream for the ex-Stantonbury head of drama.

Fuelled by her convictions, research in the field and her dad's life savings as collateral, Cate gave up her full-time job to start the company – made up of more than 30

unpaid volunteers.

The group is the only Holocaust education theatre company in Europe and its reputation has earned it praise from the world's leading authority on Holocaust Theatre, Professor Robert Skloot.

He said: "The work of this new theatre company is very important and it fills a real need in making knowl-

edge of the Holocaust known and understood through performance."

But the group will come back down to reality the day after its trip to Brussels when it debuts its latest production Under the Apple Tree at the Chrysalis Theatre in Willen Park South.

■ For more on this story, visit www.mkweb.co.uk

A zero rating for takeaway and butchers

A TAKEAWAY, butchers and food van in the city have received zero ratings by the Food Standards Agency – indicating that 'urgent improvements are necessary'.

The ratings show that three of the 1,746 outlets listed on its website – which is publicly available – had scored the lowest rating.

The offending outlets were Sid's Snack Bar in Renny Park Road, Newport Pagnell, Niro's Potters Lane, Kiln Farm, and Lloyds Farm Butchers at Heelands Local Centre.

There were also 39 restaurants in the city with a rating of one, including Greenleys Kebabs and Akannis in Bradwell Common.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council, which carries out the inspections on behalf of the Food Standards Agency, told this paper: "During a routine food hygiene inspection three elements are scored: food hygiene and safety, structure (including cleaning) and confidence in management."

"Last year between April 2012 and March 2013, 670 inspections were undertaken but not all of these would have fallen within the scope of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme."

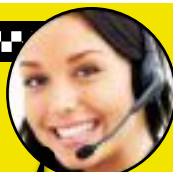
"All low rated premises receive follow up action as appropriate and the visiting officer will work with the business to get them back in to compliance."

MK NEWS tried to contact the three zero rated outlets, but they were not available for comment at the time of going to press last night.

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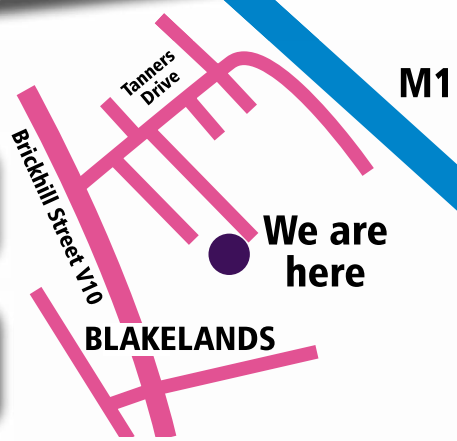
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First baby of the New Year gets present

BABY Grayson won the race to be the city's first baby of the new year.

David and Claire O'Sullivan, aged 34 and 39, from Bletchley, welcomed their baby boy into the world at 6.43am on New Year's Day.

Claire was one of two mums in labour and in the race to give birth to the first baby of 2014.

Mr O'Sullivan said: "The midwife kept mentioning the race to try and motivate Claire to push."

Milton Keynes Hospital gave the family a hamper containing a teddy, photo frame and talcum powder after Grayson, who weighed 7lb 13oz, was the first born.

Mr O'Sullivan added: "We really love the gift but Claire didn't really care about it too much when she was in labour."

Grayson's half sister Laura Foreman, 21, was also there at the birth and helped cut the chord.

David, who is Laura's stepfather, added: "Laura loves him to bits."

Mikala Blanchard, 37, also from Bletchley, joined the eight New Year's Day deliveries when she gave birth to her baby boy Billy at 6pm. He was due on January 5. Mikala said: "I was surprised to have him then but it was definitely a good start to the new year."



Besotted: Claire and David O'Sullivan with their new baby boy Grayson who won the race to be the first newborn of 2014

Questions over city care home

BY JAMES AVERILL

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CARE home residents will get the chance to grill health bosses at a council meeting tonight.

Users of the Campbell Centre in Eaglestone – which offers services to those with learning disabilities, mental health issues and substance abuse problems – will be given the opportunity to ask questions of senior members of the Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL).

The trust was announced as the preferred acquirer for Milton Keynes Community Health Services last month by NHS Milton Keynes.

It is understood that users will raise issues surrounding the care they have received at the facility, which failed to meet all

eight essential standards during an inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in April last year.

The centre has been inspected again during the last three months and the results are expected to be published within weeks.

Cllr Nigel Long is the chairman of the health and adult social care select committee, who will also be asking questions of health bosses at the meeting, which is being held at the Civic Offices at 7pm tonight.

He told MK NEWS: "I am concerned that mental health services are a Cinderella service in our city."

"We need to explore the services provided including at the Campbell centre."

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Price freeze is announced for key services

VULNERABLE residents using laundry, meals on wheels and community alarm and telecare services in Milton Keynes will be protected from any price rises from April.

At a recent cabinet meeting at Milton Keynes Council, Cllr Debbie Brock, who is responsible for adult social care, announced the price freeze in the forthcoming budget consultation.

She said: "As an administration we have always sought to protect the most vulnerable people in our community."

"These vital services will be exempt from inflation this year so that they continue to be affordable and offer real value for money for clients that currently use them and for those that may need to access services in the future."

The weekly laundry service is used by 186 residents who have a physical disability and by frail older people, while the Community Alarm and Telecare Service provides a social alarm system in people's homes and has 6,572 users and deals with more than 20,000 calls each month.

And in 2012/13 the Meals on Wheels service was used on average by 151 service users and 40,919 meals were served by contractors Apetito.

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Little chef's culinary magic



A BOY with a passion for cooking has put his skills to good use by helping raise money for other sick children.

Johnathan He, six, from Broughton, won the Most Inspirational Child category at the WellChild Awards earlier this year, where he met the charity's patron Prince Harry.

He has a rare genetic condition called x-linked CGD and congenital glaucoma.

When an infection prevented him from eating for five months at Great Ormond Street Hospital, Johnathan decided to become head chef and learned to cook.

And now he is putting his culinary magic to good use by helping out WellChild after he learned a school in Cheltenham is raising money for the charity by creating and selling its own cookbook of recipes.

He created 'Chef Johnathan's three course meal' for the book including baked spring rolls with pork and prawn, sweet and sour chicken and mango tapioca pudding.

Johnathan's father, Ning, said: "He's a keen cooker. We encourage it and he may want to do it for a living when he's older. But he's also a kid so he may change his mind at any time!"

Cooking up a treat: Johnathan He, six, shows off his cooking skills to help out fellow children who are suffering with illnesses

Lack of beds for hospital patients

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MILTON Keynes Hospital has warned residents with non-serious illnesses not to go to A&E while it tackles a severe shortage of beds.

The hospital has issued a 'black alert' due to the high number of emergency patients which has put it under 'severe pressure' to find enough beds.

Black alert represents the highest level of pressure on hospitals and is one step up from the serious 'red alert'.

The number of patients

being taken to the hospital by ambulance is up 10 per cent compared to this time last year.

And the hospital says people are 'more poorly' and are taking longer to treat.

Joe Harrison, Milton Keynes Hospital's chief executive, is advising people to only go to A&E in a 'genuine emergency'.

He said: "Milton Keynes Hospital is currently on black alert.

"Black alert means that the hospital is very busy due to a high number of emergency patients and experiencing

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severe pressure with ensuring we have enough beds for our patients.

"Our A&E is particularly busy and more patients than average have been arriving at our A&E by ambulance.

"We have measures in place to make sure all our patients receive the care they need as quickly as possible.

"Please help our staff treat those most in need of their care by calling an ambulance or coming to A&E only in a genuine emergency."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Police search for girl

POLICE are searching for 16-year-old Chelsea Russell, from Havesham, who has been missing since Sunday and they believe may be in the MK area. Visit www.mkweb.co.uk for more.

Caught in a cat flap

A BURGLAR was caught trying to enter a house in Chadwick Lodge, Eaglestone, through a cat flap before being disturbed by the owner last Thursday at 11.45pm.

Young girl injured

FIREFIGHTERS had to rescue a seriously injured girl who was trapped in a bicycle in Bletchley on Thursday.

Faster broadband for homes

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Milton Keynes Council is on target to deliver download speeds of 24 megabits per second to around 97 per cent of the premises in the area.

The project is a partnership

with Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire councils, BT and Broadband Delivery UK.

Cllr David Hopkins, cabinet member for enterprise, said: "Superfast broadband is vital to keep MK as an attractive location for businesses."

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New Tesco creates 21 jobs

A NEW Tesco Express in Woburn Sands has created 21 jobs.

Tesco interviewed and recruited staff from the area to work in the store in the High Street, Woburn Sands, to bring a 'community feel' to

the shop.

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She said: "In this time of economic uncertainty, it is great that we are able to help get people back into work."

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Odd train of thought

MILTON Keynes MP Iain Stewart rightly takes pride in his efforts to reopen the East-West rail link (MK NEWS, January 1).

However, the Government's policy of yearly fare rises, which he also supports, means that an ever-diminishing percentage of his constituents will be able to afford to travel on it.

I can only wonder whether he sees any irony here.

Frederick Toates

Sent via email

■ For more on this see Iain's Monthly Focus below

Money still matters

IT WAS good to see some consensus during the time of goodwill with Labour councillor Arun Vaidyanathan joining the Tory government in declaring an end to the current recession (Letters, MK NEWS, December 25).

What a shame that this 'recovery' only exists in the minds of politicians.

For the rest of us, 2014 will be another struggle to keep our heads above water.

The last year has seen more working people in poverty than ever before, record numbers of young people out of work and many pensioners forced to choose between eating and heating their homes.

For Labour's Cllr Vaidyanathan to then congratulate the Tory government on its austerity programme, which has cut

support from the most vulnerable, adds insult to injury.

Bletchley has one of the highest levels of families reliant upon food banks in south east England. I'd like to see Labour convince them that the situation is improving.

Tony Mabbott
MK Green Party

Tackle tax dodgers

IT IS fair that benefit cheats are punished when found guilty (MK NEWS, December 25).

However, all benefit claimants should not be demonised because of the actions of a few people.

While the Government is very vociferous in telling us about its efforts to tackle benefit cheats, it is very coy about tackling a much bigger problem – the scandal of tax dodgers in this country.

Up to £120billion is lost to tax dodgers every year – that is 20 times more than benefit cheats cost us.

Much of this money, as we have seen recently, is dodged by large companies and wealthy individuals.

If just half of these 'stolen'

taxes could be collected it would mean that cuts to health services in Milton Keynes and to MK Council services would not be happening.

Let us demand that in 2014 the Government shows the

same resolve in tackling tax dodgers that it shows in tackling benefit cheats.

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

Call for Turing statue

DURING the Second World War a brilliant British mathematician, Alan Turing, designed a machine that could break the German's Enigma code.

A genius who played a key role in the war, he was granted a posthumous pardon in December after he was convicted of 'gross indecency' with another man in 1952 when homosexuality was illegal.

He was stripped of his security clearance and had to give up his work at GCHQ.

The alternative to his jail sentence was cruel chemical castration. He committed suicide aged just 41 in 1954.

Now he has been officially pardoned by the Queen and his offence scrubbed from the record books because the Government felt it was 'unjust and discriminatory', I feel he deserves to be remembered for his contribution to the war and his legacy to science.

Dr Turing made Bletchley Park known throughout the world, and the town of Bletchley itself, and they now have a unique place in Second World War history.

Now that he has been pardoned

there should be a statue at the entrance to Bletchley Park and I think it should be renamed as Turing Bletchley International Centre.

The campaign for a statue should be led by West Bletchley Council to make sure Dr Turing gets recognition.

It seems to me Britain and Bletchley treat its heroes very badly.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent via email

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WOLVERTON and Stony Stratford Rotary Club would like to say a big thank you to all the members of the public who gave so generously to its Santa Tour around northern Milton Keynes, nearby villages and local supermarkets during December.

Despite some very wet and windy weather, this year's Santa Tour raised a total of £4,554, which will be distributed to various local charities and voluntary organisations at a special presentation evening that the club will be holding in February.

Special thanks also go to all those who helped our members with the collections and to the management and staff of Budgens in Stony Stratford and Sainsbury's in Central Milton Keynes for allowing us to collect at their stores. Our thanks again to everyone.

Rotarian Marcus Rixon
Community service chairman, Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club



Iain's Monthly Focus

MP talks about the recent rise in rail fares



TRAIN fares are an important issue to many locally and nationally.

Thousands commute daily to and from Milton Keynes. At the start of the New Year, Iain Stewart MP decided to answer a few questions on the cost of commuting.

How do you view this year's rail fares increase?

I know the cost of rail travel is an issue for many families and any increase is unwelcome.

However, this year's national average rise of 3.1 per cent is the lowest for the last four years.

Nor are rises in rail fares a new phenomenon. In 2009 fares went up by almost eight per cent.

I lobbied for, and welcomed, the Government's move to curb rail fare increases. Without the action

taken in the Autumn Statement, this year's increase would have been much higher. I hope we will continue to see fares capped over the coming years.

Why do commuters have to pay so much?

I was interested to find out that for every £1 we pay for a rail journey, only 3p goes to company profits. The majority of what we pay actually goes towards investing in and maintaining the rail network, as well as staff costs.

Although I sympathise with passengers I also understand the need for the rail companies to stay viable. In my opinion it is important to keep the balance between what is viable and what is fair.

Contrary to what some of my

political opponents seem to believe, there is no magic money tree to fund investment in the railway network.

What is the Government doing to make the life of a commuter easier? I have been impressed by the Government's emphasis on rail travel. In the last decade rail usage has increased by more than 100 per cent. This increase is very much a positive but at the same time a challenge.

In addition to the fares cap, HS2 will particularly help Milton Keynes freeing up the West Coast Main Line significantly. Across the UK the Government is delivering the biggest upgrade to the rail network in modern times, £38billion will be invested over the next five years.

Locally, we have already seen new carriages on the Virgin Pendolinos and extra carriages are being built for the London Midland trains. In the next few years, we shall also have the reopening of the East-West line connecting MK to Oxford, Aylesbury and beyond.

We are also looking at introducing new types of ticket; such as a 'part-time' season ticket for commuters who travel regularly but not often enough to warrant a full season ticket.

As MP for Milton Keynes South and as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Transport, I will make sure I do all I can to keep the cost of commuting down.

■ For more on the rail fare increase, turn to page 26

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Flooded: Little Linford Lane where a man was rescued after he drove into 2'6" of water

Flood warning for Great Ouse

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A FLOOD warning was still in place yesterday for the River Great Ouse.

The Environment Agency has been continuously monitoring flooding in the Milton Keynes area, which reached its peak at the weekend.

A flood warning was issued for the River Great Ouse near North Bridge, Newport Pagnell, and Woad Farm in Hanslope after more rain fell on already saturated ground.

Emergency call-out staff from Milton Keynes Council are still on standby in case of more flooding in the borough throughout the week.

Riverside Road, Newport Pagnell, and Little Linford Lane, Little Linford, have been closed due to flooding

since Friday.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service had to help a man who drove into the water in Little Linford Lane on Friday morning.

His car got stuck in about 2'6" of water (76cms) and five firefighters wearing drysuits and flotation devices used a rescue sled to lead the man to safety.

Drivers have been advised to not ignore the signs and attempt to drive through floodwater.

Many of the city's parks were also waterlogged and The Parks Trust is advising people to take extra care when walking near flooded areas and fast-flowing rivers, especially if they are with children or dogs.

A trust spokesman said: "The parks house balancing

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lakes for Milton Keynes designed to hold the additional water from rivers.

"The lakes are doing their job if there is flooding on the parkland as it means the water is not by resident's houses.

"It is important that if people see flooding they do not panic as the parks are designed to be that way and is why Milton Keynes is so cleverly planned."

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MP 'welcomes' cash

MARK Lancaster MP has 'welcomed' news that until 2017, schools in the city will receive £54.2million from the Government for extra school places.

Youths attack buses

A GANG of youths threw stone missiles at three buses in Bradville. The buses were attacked in Mercers Drive between December 27 and 31 with one Z&S bus having four windows smashed.

Searching for actors

BLETCHLEY Park is looking for actors to take part in filming for its new experience and record voiceovers for audio installations about codebreaking.

Mini Wonderland to say thanks

MINI Wonderland MK will announce how much it has raised for MKIce following a charity ice hockey match in its honour tomorrow.

The residents group wants to thank MKIce, a non-profit organisation, after it offered

to be the venue of its Christmas event following the cancellation of Winter Wonderland MK last month.

The game between Thunder and Lightning at MKIce starts at 6.45pm.

■ See sport for more details.

Eco earth house on agenda

A ZERO carbon 'earth sheltered' three-bedroom house in Bow Brickhill is on the agenda for a meeting of Milton Keynes Council's development control committee tomorrow.

A residential development

which could see up to 60 houses being built and the redevelopment of the Days Inn Hotel site in Little Linford Lane are also due to be discussed at the meeting, which will be held at the Civic Offices at 7pm.

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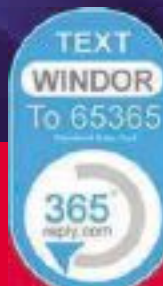
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Never opened: Wolverton Health Centre looks ready to go but needs final touch-ups and approval

Health centre still closed

A COMMUNITY health centre remains closed because of building issues and no final approval by NHS England.

As MK NEWS previously reported in November, Wolverton Health Centre was facing problems when patients were left with no chairs.

After residents and businesses united to supply seating, the centre was then hit with more stumbling blocks that stopped it opening on November 18.

Problems were highlighted with the building that needed to be resolved, including the centre's lift which has now been fixed.

The practice, which is desperate to move in, is also in ongoing talks with NHS England, which says its requirements have not yet been met.

The practice hopes the work will be completed soon but cannot open without NHS England's approval.

Thieves preying on young adults

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POLICE are issuing safety advice after young adults aged between 19 and 22 have been targeted by robbers.

Officers say people in this age group are usually targeted because of their use of mobile phones and music equipment.

On December 30 at 12.15pm, a 19-year-old was robbed while walking along the Redway behind St Paul's School, Leadenhall.

The thief jumped out from the bushes in front of him

and demanded his belongings before grabbing him.

Another 19-year-old man was robbed of his iPhone 4S and wallet in an underpass in Saxon Gate on December 29 at 2.30am.

The victim decided to run after walking past three men but he fell, allowing the group to steal his belongings.

And a 22-year-old man was assaulted in Bradwell Common Boulevard at 10.30am on Christmas Eve.

Two men got out of a red Ford Galaxy-type car and punched and kicked the victim.

POLICE ADVICE:

- Don't flash your cash or items like laptops, phones or music devices.
- Shout 'fire' or call the police if you feel in danger, as shouting 'help' gets fewer reactions.
- Spread your valuables around your body, pockets and bags to avoid having everything taken.
- Try to avoid walking home alone and use well lit routes.
- Mark your belongings with a UV pen.

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MK is a Smart City

MILTON Keynes has been invited onto the Smart Cities Forum alongside Leeds, Bristol, Glasgow and Birmingham. The aim is to use technology to manage resources such as water and street lighting.

Missing boy found

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ronnie Webber, from Bletchley, has been found after going missing for four months.

Furzon arson

A CAR fire, which damaged a house in Favell Drive, Furzon, is being treated as suspected arson by police. Call 101 with information.

All aboard for electric buses

TOMORROW will see the official launch of the city's electric buses.

The Minister of State for Transport, Baroness Susan Kramer, will launch the route seven electric bus, which will be expected to carry passengers 17 hours a day, seven days a week, from the end of the month.

The five year pioneering

trial aims to demonstrate that electric buses can match their diesel counterparts for endurance and cost efficiency.

Arriva's head of service delivery, Maq Alibhai, said: "Customers' journeys will cost the same but be much smoother and quieter."

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Woburn visit by minister

WOBURN Sands has been touted as one of the best places in the country for its neighbourhood plan.

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Planning, Nick Boles, will be meeting town councillors as well as leader of MK Council, Andrew Geary, and chief executive, David Hill, to discuss the plan.



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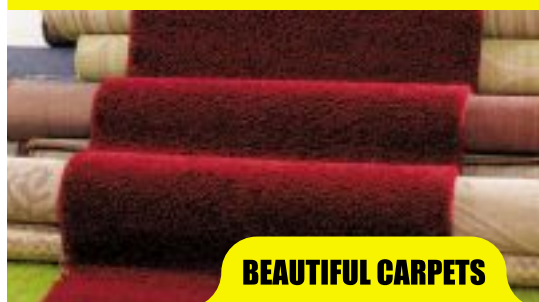
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Tributes to 'caring' priest Joe

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE death of a former parish priest found alone in a supermarket car park has left the community in shock.

Father Joseph Williams, 42, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes in Leadenhall from 2008 to 2011, died suddenly in Morrisons' car park in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, on Friday, December 27.

His body was not discovered until three days later when police were called to the scene on Monday, December 30.

As the Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Williams would hold mass at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Central Milton Keynes.

The Rev Dr Brenda

Mosedale, from Christ the Cornerstone, said: "As so many have been, we were shocked and saddened to hear of Father Joe's death."

"Joe was a gentle man and a respected and valued colleague."

"During his time in Milton Keynes he helped us learn together at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone what it meant to be an ecumenical church as well as ministering together with the gifts of our different traditions. His quiet humour and faithful presence will be missed by many."

Father Paul Hardy, the Roman Catholic Dean of Milton Keynes, said: "The manner of Father Joe's death has come as a great shock to everyone."

"He was diligent and caring, respected and loved by his congregation."



Challenge: John Logan at his surgery

Doctor's dread at gruelling race

A DOCTOR has taken on a gruelling 127-mile bike ride across the Pyrenees to lose weight so he can enjoy play time with his young daughters.

John Logan, 66, is a senior partner at Asplands Medical Centre in Woburn Sands, and was contacted by Channel Five to take part in its Go Hard or Go Home TV show – which will be broadcast later this month.

He said: "I've lost 15kg in one year, but the race was unlike anything I have ever done before."

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A MUM has set up a Facebook page to raise awareness of DDH. Charlotte Smith, 27, from Monkston Park, set up the group DDH Milton Keynes after her three children were born with development dysplasia of the hip and she decided to help others.

BY JAMES AVERILL

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HUNDREDS of bottles of suspected smuggled wine and vodka have been seized from several off-licences in a joint haul.

On Wednesday, December 18 officers from Milton Keynes Council's regulatory unit, together with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), carried out joint visits to several shops located in the Bletchley area.

As a result, about 100 litres of vodka and 300 bottles of wine were seized, with a 'street value' of around £3,000.

It was suspected that the duty had not been paid on the goods and also that counterfeit UK duty paid stamps had been put on some of the spirits.

As they would not have gone through the normal 'checks and balances' there is also a chance that some of the alcohol could

be fake and even dangerous.

Bob Gaiger, spokesman for HMRC (Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire), said: "HMRC works with other law enforcement agencies to target anyone we suspect is selling smuggled alcohol.

"We relentlessly pursue any individuals believed to be involved in this type of criminal activity.

"It is not a victimless crime and undermines the efforts of legitimate traders."

Karen Ford, head of the regulatory unit at Milton Keynes Council, said: "Off-licences should make sure that the alcohol that they sell has come from genuine sources.

"It might seem like a cheap deal to customers, but the reality is that it gives an unfair advantage over those shopkeepers who stick to the law and only buy in legitimate goods where the duty has been paid."

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I've often wondered why more people do not change bank accounts, do not remortgage and do not review their pensions. Interestingly, statistically you are more likely to get divorced than change your bank account during your lifetime!



Tony Byrne
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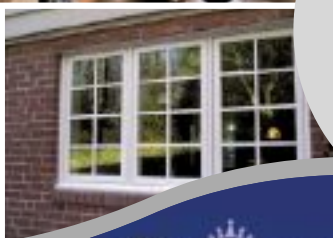
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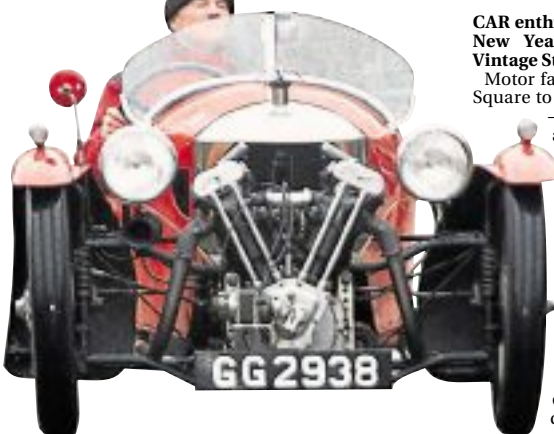
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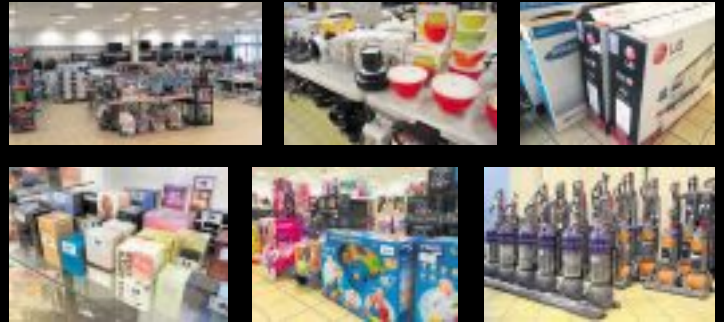
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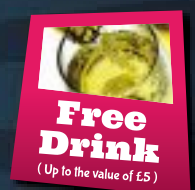
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BOB can reach MK from its base in Oxfordshire within 12 minutes, but each mission costs about £2,500.

Donna added: "It took me more than an hour to drive there so for them to rescue me in 12 minutes is staggering. I cry every time I think about how they helped me."

"I recently returned to work at the Open University for the first time in about 20 months and it's completely down to BOB that I have been able to go back."

Oli Hiscoe is BOB's fundraising manager for Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes and has helped organise several events in the city to raise cash for the service.

SOME KEY FACTS

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- £250,000 increase on 2012
- 857 missions flown in 2013
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Darren gets skates on for reality show

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE city's temporary ice rink had a high profile visitor this week.

Former cricketer Darren Gough used the MKIce rink to train in preparation for a new TV show arriving on our screens later this month.

The Jump includes Gough and other stars, including Sir Steve Redgrave and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, attempting a number of Winter Olympics challenges like bobsleigh, slalom and speed skating.

Darren, who hasn't done any reality shows since winning Strictly Come Dancing in 2005, told MK NEWS: "I'm a bit terrified!"

"I've never really been on ice before, whereas half the people on the show have done Dancing on Ice!"

The show will be airing live from Innsbruck, Austria, for 10 consecu-

tive nights from January 26 and will be presented on Channel Four by Davina McCall.

Competitors will try and avoid being judged in the bottom two, as if they are they have to take on a live ski jump to stay in the competition.

"I've been training at MKIce because basically I just want to be able to stand up when I'm live on TV," said Darren.

"I didn't know the ice rink was here until recently and it's incredible what the volunteers have done."

Helping Gough feel at home on the slippery surface has been MK Lighting player Benjamin Russell, 19, from Bletchley.

He said: "The rink has been a lifesaver for skaters in MK and I'm glad that it can help me and Darren out, he's doing quite well."

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Not stumped by the ice: Former cricketer Darren Gough training at MKIce this week



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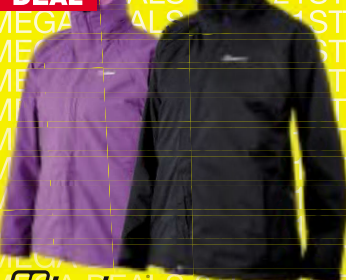
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Advice centre is launched in MK

WOUGHTON Community Council has launched its advice centre for residents to use.

Mayor Brian White and Labour and Co-operative parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes South, Andrew Pakes, were at the official opening.

The service offers plenty of support for a range of problems, including a job club every Monday and a drop-in session for under 25s every Tuesday.



Official opening: From left, Andrew Pakes, Brian White, Teresa Marshall, Peter Orme, Tony Visvendram and Kevin Wilson at the launch of the Woughton Advice Service

Cops net 52 people in drink-drive blitz

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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POLICE arrested 52 people on suspicion of drink-driving in Milton Keynes during their festive campaign.

The initiative, called Is it worth the risk? ran between December 1 and January 1.

There was a 37 per cent increase in arrests compared to the same period in 2012, which saw 38 people arrested in the city.

Across the whole of Thames

Valley 231 men and 50 women were arrested.

This showed a six per cent increase in men and a 17 per cent decrease in arrests of women compared to 2012.

In total, in the Thames Valley area, 161 of the arrested people have been charged, with 82 individuals bailed and 38 people released with no further action.

Chief Inspector for Thames

Valley Roads Policing Unit, Henry Parsons, said: "It's worrying that some people are still making the wrong choices."

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Petition is set up to oppose rail fare rise

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A PETITION has been launched by local politicians in opposition to the new year rail price hikes.

Labour councillors and parliamentary candidates met commuters at Milton Keynes Central on Monday morning to discuss the cost of train travel, which increased on January 2.

Commuters travelling from Milton Keynes to London on annual season tickets will have to pay more than the 3.1 per cent average with their fares going up by 3.29 per cent, while season tickets will increase from £4,620 to £4,772. Bletchley commuters also face a £128 hike in London Midland fares.

The increase is the smallest rise in four years, according to the pan-industry Rail Delivery Group, while Chancellor George Osborne said in last month's Autumn Statement he would keep fares in line with July's Retail Price Index (RPI) inflation rate of 3.1 per cent.

Andrew Pakes, Labour and



Price problem: From left, Kevin Wilson, Zoe Nolan, Andrew Pakes and Carole Baumes at Milton Keynes Central station this week

Co-operative parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes South, was one of those angry with the fare rises and met commuters on Monday.

He said: "This is yet another eye-watering hike in prices at a time when many people are struggling to make ends meet."

"The cost of a season ticket has gone up by nearly £1,000 since 2010 despite promises to sort this out. It is no good blaming the last government,

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Wear your bobbles to help the elderly

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A CAMPAIGN to protect elderly people during the winter is urging residents to wear bobble hats to help.

Age UK Milton Keynes is encouraging everyone in the city to join in and help warm up Britain for the charity's Bobble Day on Friday, February 7.

People across the country will be getting involved in the annual fundraising extravaganza to help older people who are suffering needlessly at this time of year.

The cash raised will go towards Age UK's Spread the Warmth campaign – which is working to keep older people warm and well.

Paul Griffiths, Age UK Milton Keynes' community development manager, said: "There were more than 100 deaths of elderly people in Milton Keynes during the winter of 2011/12.

"That was a milder winter than the last two and given that the national figures are rising we can assume they are locally as well.



Load of Bobblers: Caroline Odjidja, Sally Wood, Paul Griffiths and Jane Palmer of Age UK Milton Keynes launch Bobble Day 2014

"Some elderly people are having to choose between eating and heating their homes."

Age UK Milton Keynes provides social activities, information and advice for older people, as well as tips on combating the cold at home and outdoors.

But its members are hoping the wider community, including schools and businesses, will get involved in helping

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the city's elderly by wearing bobbles.

Jane Palmer, chief executive of the group, added: "Bobble Day is a great way to have fun, but there is a serious issue at its heart.

"February is often one of the coldest months of the year and many older people will be suffering."

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A 130-mile walk to remember the war

BY JAMES AVERILL

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ONE city man will walk 130 miles to remember the outbreak of the First World War.

Graham Corgan, 47, from Downhead Park, used to be a gunner in the RAF and is teaming up with five others to walk along the site of the old Western Front from Amiens to Ypres.

"We're hoping to visit about 100 cemeteries and memorials along the way in just six days," he told MKNEWS.

Graham, who runs Muttz Cuttz – a mobile dog grooming service – signed up to the idea when he saw some like-minded individuals on the internet who also wanted to commemorate the 100th anniversary.

He added: "It was something we all thought could work, but when

you actually think of it, it's walking a marathon a day!"

It will be made all the tougher as Graham will be carrying his tent, utilities and food on his back.

But it is all in aid of a good cause and Graham is fundraising for three charities – Hounds for Heroes, British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association (BLESMA) and The Mametz Dragon repair appeal, a sculpture dedicated to thousands of men of the 38th (Welsh) Division who died on the Somme in 1916.

Graham said: "I'd like to raise £2,000 for each charity if I can, that would be good."

He begins his epic walk on July 28, arriving in Ypres on August 4 – the day that commonwealth forces entered into the hostilities.



Walk this way: Graham Corgan preparing

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MKBUSINESS

Thousands of jobseekers are set to visit new show

BY JAMES AVERILL
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BUSINESSES will have the chance to meet thousands of potential employees at thecentre:mk later this month.

The MK Job Show, being held at the shopping centre on Saturday, January 25, will be promoting jobs and careers, apprenticeships and training opportunities to the wider catchment area of Milton Keynes, with potential workers expected to travel from as far away as Watford and Cambridge for the event.

The show has been organised by Mike Bickerdike and Tony Olson and is being supported by MK NEWS and MKWeb.

Mike said: "I used to run a lot of recruitment exhibitions, but they stopped happening about six years ago when the recession struck."

"But more recently people

within business have been telling me that MK is a big place that is desperate for a recruitment exhibition, so we decided to start one.

"From a business point of view, people are more optimistic now than they were and a lot of companies are now starting to recruit once again."

And there will be plenty of opportunity for employers to find new workers, as it is estimated that about 92,000 people will visit thecentre:mk on that day, many of whom will stop by to see what career opportunities are on offer to them.

"When attracting businesses to job shows they need to know it is busy and the day we are holding this one on – the last Saturday in January – is always busy because it's near the end of the sales."

"There's a nice mixture of local and national businesses and we do have a small number of spaces left."

A big job: Tony Olson, left, and Mike Bickerdike



To book your stand, or for more information, contact the event team on 01908

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■ For more stories on the

MK Job Show and a full list of who will be having a stand, visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Businesses 'must prepare' for changes

MILTON Keynes businesses should act now and prepare for new financial reporting standards to avoid any unwelcome New Year surprises – warns financial and business advisors Grant Thornton.

The new Financial Reporting Standard 'FRS 102' replaces all current UK accounting standards with a single reporting regime which will change both the format of, and disclosures in, financial statements.

For some businesses, the transition date to the new standard will be as early as January 2014.

To help local companies get to grips with the new reporting, Grant Thornton has designed a short online assessment tool which will enable businesses to identify their transition date and also outlines the steps they need to take to comply.

Kevin Gale, practice leader at Grant Thornton's Milton Keynes office, commented: "It will enable companies to identify areas where they need to make changes and for some, these will need to be introduced as early as January 2014."

"Among those most affected will be businesses with a group defined benefit pension scheme or intragroup loans."

"They could see their balance sheet change dramatically and will need to review these arrangements."

Niftylift on a different level for 'innovation'

A COMPANY has picked up two Queen's Awards for Enterprise in innovation and international trade.

Niftylift – which manufactures cherry pickers, access platforms and boot lifts and is based in Stonebridge – was presented with the accolades by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry

Aubrey-Fletcher, during a ceremony at its headquarters in Fingle Drive.

More than 200 staff, as well as local dignitaries including Milton Keynes mayor Brian White, were in attendance to celebrate the end of an impressive year for the company.

Speaking at the event, held last month, chairman of

Niftylift, Roger Bowden, said: "This is the culmination of many years of continuous investment and innovative hard work by all, combined with a passion and a will to get things done."

Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the most prestigious business awards in the country, so picking up

two places Niftylift among a select few.

Since the awards were announced, the company has also received the Hire Association Europe's Supplier of the Year and Product of the Year awards, as well as launching three new products for the market.

At the awards ceremony the firm also revealed its

plans to build a new state-of-the-art production facility in Milton Keynes, construction of which is due to start this year.

Mr Bowden added: "The hard work and commitment that the staff have given has allowed us to build sustainable foundations upon which Niftylift will continue to develop."

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MKBUSINESS

Firm among best places to work

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CITY firm has been named for the first time as one of The Sunday Times Best Mid-sized Companies To Work For 2014.

ID Medical, which provides doctors, nurses and health professionals to both the NHS and private sector, has also received a Best Companies Two Star Accreditation for the second year running.

Awarded by workplace engagement specialists Best Companies, the two out of three star accreditation acknowledges excellence in the workplace and a focus on engagement as an component of an organisation's success and growth.

Deenu Patel, managing director of the company, said: "ID Medical employees effectuate meaningful work on a daily basis and this is felt by many people across the UK – clients, candidates and patients."

"Our employees are supporting doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and clerical staff in fulfilling their career ambitions within

the NHS and private medical sectors, while ultimately improving the quality of patient care.

"We are truly honoured to be associated with The Sunday Times Best 100 Companies project. It adds value to our recruitment process and our brand while ensuring we're nurturing a happy work environment."

On February 27, ID Medical, which has its head quarters in Wolverton, will attend The Sunday Times Best Companies to Work For 2014 awards in Battersea Park, London, where its official position in the league table will be unveiled.

Each year Best Companies and The Sunday Times celebrate the best small, mid-size and big workplaces in the UK. Employees from participating organisations are surveyed using rigorous methodology.

ID Medical supplies staff to more than 80 per cent of the UK's hospitals.

As previously reported in MK NEWS, it was crowned Best Recruitment Company to Work For at the Recruitment International Awards in 2013.



Prescription for success: From left, Ranjit Nandia, operations manager, Caryn Cooper, head of marketing, and David Newton, director, from ID Medical in Wolverton

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Premium express delivery company City Link is investing in 86 new double-deck trailers. The company, which has a base in Kingston, is modernising following its acquisition by investment professionals Better Capital in 2013.

Move for Shakespeares

A LAW firm is relocating its residential conveyancing, family law and private client practice from Newport Pagnell to its expanding office in Silbury Boulevard, CMK. The move by Shakespeares is part of the firm's drive to enhance its client service.

Woodfines' new solicitor

A SOLICITORS has welcomed a new senior associate. Woodfines, in Regency Court, Upper Fifth Street, CMK, has welcomed solicitor Tamara Worboys. A commercial property specialist, she joins following her work in Prague where she was admitted to the Czech Bar and worked as a senior associate in real estate.

Social media courses

SocialMediaAgency (SMA) – a social media management company in the city – has launched a course in digital marketing for businesses. The course on the uses of Twitter and more is held at The Holiday Inn Express in Bedford.

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AN E-LEARNING and virtual reality simulation company based in the city has joined forces with a global company to help train its customers.

From December Skills2Learn, based in Winterhill, became part of Babcock International Group's (Babcock) Education and Training business unit.

Skills2Learn will now use its expertise to help train a wide variety of Babcock's customers across key growth areas, including the emergency services and

automotive, energy and engineering sectors.

The new relationship between the two companies will enable them to provide a wider service offering using new and exciting technologies.

Dr Majid Al-Kader, the CEO of Skills2Learn, will transfer across to Babcock and continue to lead his team of individuals in delivering learning technologies.

He said: "We are absolutely delighted about joining Babcock. This development

will have an immense and positive impact on our products, services and levels of innovation allowing us to offer our customers a much wider range of services."

Austin Lewis, managing director of Babcock's Education and Training unit, added: "Skills2Learn will bring innovative digital learning and virtual e-learning solutions across multiple platforms which will complement our existing practical and classroom based training provision."

Store rebrands products to cater for new market

A NEW traditional Chinese medicine store believes it is the first in the UK to specifically cater for a Western market.

The Herbalist, which has been open for a month in thecentre:mk, has proved popular with shoppers for its fresh approach towards a market which it conceded 'isn't always taken seriously'.

Thom Robins is the shop's marketing manager and said: "Sometimes people walk past a Chinese medicine

shop and see it as an Alladin's cave. "We wanted to feel removed in design from the cloudy, cluttered and confusing approach normally taken with clinics of this kind and instead represented in a contemporary, accessible and clean way. "Products actually have instructions in English, which certainly helps as it is not usually the case in the UK!"

Rebrand: Edison Levine, director senior consultant, at The Herbalist



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History is relived in Oscar-nominated film

12 YEARS a Slave is both a harrowing and realistic journey into a forbidden zone of American history.

The film stars Chiwetel Ejiofor as Solomon Northup, a free black man in 1840s America who makes his living as a fiddle player, while his wife is a teacher. In the film Solomon is kidnapped by a pair

of nefarious white men and soon finds himself on a ship headed to New Orleans where he is informed he will be called Platt and is sold into slavery by an unscrupulous businessman, played by Paul Giamatti.

Platt meets the kindhearted but conflicted plantation owner Mr Ford, played by English star Benedict Cumberbatch.

Mr Ford recognises that Platt is both educated and an artist and risks his life to help him and other slaves survive.

The film stars British artists in most of the major roles, including director Steve McQueen, who received the best director award from the New York Film Critics Circle last year.

It may be that Americans of all races are still

reluctant to confront this brooding historical spectre that continues to haunt their nation but this beautifully shot movie, however painful the subject matter, is a must see for 2014.

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12 Years a Slave opens in cinemas across the city on Friday.



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mormor!

MARTIN Mor brings his unique act to the Comedy Cow at The Crown in Stony Stratford in a night that is not for the faint-hearted.

The former circus performer has tickled the funnybone of everyone from Italian prison inmates to members of the Royal Family.

The Northern Irishman has also supported the likes of Frankie Boyle, Jack Dee and Lee Evans.

Mark Cram, who won 2013 Bedford Comedian of the Year, will open proceedings, with Welsh comedian Kiri Pritchard-McLean also on the cards. James Alderson will compere. Tickets cost £8 for the gig, on January 23 at 8.15pm, from www.ticketsource.co.uk

desertqueen

JASON Donovan is among the stars coming to MK Theatre when international hit Priscilla, Queen of the Desert takes to the stage from January 20-26.

Direct from the West End, the feel-good sensation has won four WhatsOnStage.com awards, including Best New Musical.

Based on the smash-hit movie, Priscilla is the uplifting adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they ever dreamed of.

Tickets cost between £17.90 and £43.40 and are available by going to www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes



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hulafun

HEAD down to HULA Animal Rescue's New Year Get Together for some guaranteed family fun.

On Saturday there will be hundreds of bargains in the Bazaar January Sale at HULA, based at Glebe Farm, Aspley Guise.

Visitors will have the chance to meet the animals, join in the fun and games or enjoy some refreshments.

Animals will also be able to enjoy the January sales too with some pre-loved accessories at the Pet Bed Shed.

The event, which will take place from 1-3.30pm, costs £2 for adults but is free for children.

All proceeds from the day will go towards the care and welfare of HULA's animals.

For more information visit www.hularescue.org

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MKlife

Competitions
Out and about

Mia★Tui

a bag for all reasons

MK LIFE has teamed up with a local fashion company to give away five stylish designer handbags.

British handbag label Mia Tui, based in Middleton, has unveiled the latest addition to its line of bags for busy, urban women on-the-go.



WIN
a stylish designer
handbag from
Mia Tui

There's also an insulated water bottle holder, a key clip, pen pockets and a detachable strap.

In addition, the bag comes with a clear, removable zipped bag, which is ideal for carrying toiletries or make-up.

Charlotte Jamme, pictured, is the founder of Mia Tui – which was the winner of a 2013 Global Jump Start Award – and asked her customers to help name the bag through a social media competition. Each bag costs £50 and to find out more visit www.miatui.com.

To be in with a chance of winning one of the bags, simply answer the following question:

Where is Mia Tui based?
A) Greenleys B) Bletchley
C) Middleton D) Wolverton

To enter log onto www.mkweb.co.uk/competitions. Alternatively send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, January 15. The editor's decision is final

WITH lots of great events planned by The Parks Trust for 2014, MK LIFE gives you a sneak peak at some of the biggest and best

JOIN the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt in Shenley Wood on April 15.

The rangers will entertain the whole family with Easter fun, games and activities.

Tickets cost £3 per child and the event is suitable for those aged three and over. Booking is essential at www.parkstrust.com

On May 3 all the family can enjoy the May Day Festival near the canal in Campbell Park. With Maypole dancing, Morris Dancers, children's entertainment, stalls and fair rides there will be something for everyone at this free annual event.

The Milton Keynes Marathon will be held on May 5 and the route includes green spaces like Campbell Park. To enter one of the four categories of varying lengths and themes visit <http://mkmarathon.com>

From June 20-22 Great Linford Waterside Festival will return with another

great weekend of music and entertainment. Visit www.watersidefestival.co.uk for more details.

July is jam-packed full of fun with Open Air Shakespeare on July 4 and the International Festival (IF) offering art, culture, music and more from July 18-27.

And classical music and fireworks will return in the spectacular Proms in the Park on August 15.

For more details and to book tickets for these events visit www.parkstrust.com



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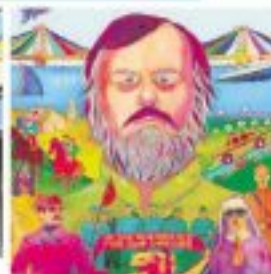
10 Jan / *Blue Jasmine* / 2013, Cert 12A
Woody Allen's new film starring Cate Blanchett

17 Jan / *Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa* / 2013, Cert 15
A Steve Coogan comedy

24 Jan / *The Perv's Guide to Ideology* / 2012, Cert 15
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31 Jan / *Missus John* / 2013, Cert 15
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Details at www.mkgallery.org/events



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Night In



signed&sealed

THE Stables in Wavendon will bare its soul for all to see this week – and the soul is funky!

Signed, Sealed, Delivered is possibly the best soul revue of its kind in Europe.

Backed by a powerhouse band that includes a mighty brass section, the cast of boy and girl singers do justice to the phenomenon that is soul music.

There will be ample chance to belt along to hits

from Reach Out I'll Be There and Papa Was A Rollin' Stone to Ain't No Mountain High Enough and, of course, Signed Sealed and Delivered.

The show takes you on a journey celebrating the music of Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, The Temptations and The Supremes, as well as many others who defined the soul era.

The show takes place on the main stage at 8pm on Saturday.

Tickets are selling quickly, so time is of the essence! They can be bought for £24 from www.stables.org or by calling the venue's box office on 01908 280800.

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dropcity

THURSDAY Scratch Night at MK Gallery features the architecture documentary Drop City.

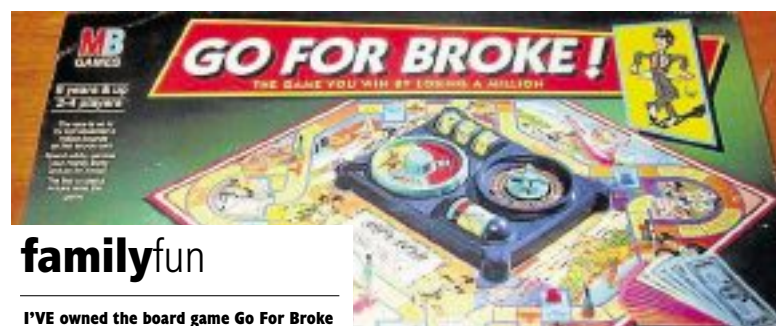
In 1962, Gene Bernofsky, Jo Ann Bernofsky and Clark Richert were students at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, USA.

Gene and Clark developed a concept they called 'Drop Art', which involved making art a spontaneous part of everyday life in a society they saw as increasingly materialistic and war-mongering.

In 1965, they bought a small piece of land near Trinidad, Colorado, and called their settlement Drop City.

They were soon joined by other artists, writers and inventors and they started building a community that celebrated creative work, but by 1973, Drop City had become a ghost town.

Tickets for the 82-minute programme, which starts at 7pm, cost £3 from 01908 676900.



familyfun

I'VE owned the board game Go For Broke for a long time now, so it was time to revisit it, writes Scott Kirk.

The gambling part of me particularly loves this game, because you win the game if you lose all your money!

That involves getting rid of your cash at the casino, races and on the stock market.

Parents who may be worrying about losing money on other vices need not worry, this is a family-friendly game.

It is superb fun and is definitely one of my favourites. You can buy the game online and I highly recommend that you do because it's great.

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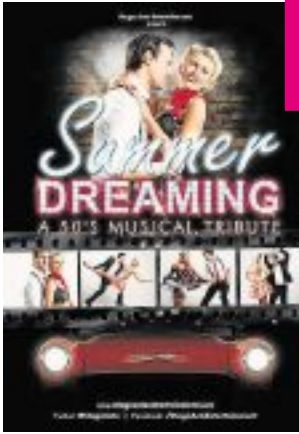
Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MKlifeHOTPICKS

getarty

TRY acrylic painting at classes with artist Brenda Fisher.

Designed for all ages and abilities, classes will be held from 10am-12.30pm from January 17 for four weeks and cost £99. To book call 01908 567656.



jiveaway

STEP back in time and enjoy a 50s night at Wilton Hall.

Join the Summer Dreaming gang as they take you back to the era of jivin', drive-ins, soda shops and high school hops – this dazzling cast of West End singers and dancers are sure to be the one that you want.

Fancy dress is recommended for the event on Friday, January 24 at 7pm. Tickets cost £15 per person from 01908 372277.

theblockheads

LEGENDARY 'brit funkies' The Blockheads will strut their stuff at The Stables next week.

Formed in 1977, The Blockheads are fronted by Derek Hussey, who was original singer Ian Dury's best friend.

Original members Chaz, Norman, John and Mick will play old hits, as well as some new material.

Tickets for the show, at 8pm on Wednesday, January 15, cost £20 from www.stables.org or 01908 280800.

snowsports

SNOZONE at Xsca has launched a new SnoAcademy for children who want to master snow sports.

The term-time club offers ski and snowboard tuition for youngsters each Saturday and Sunday morning.

Lesson times are 9-10am for three to six-year-olds wanting to learn how to ski and 10.30-11.30am for seven to 11-year-olds wanting to ski or snowboard. Email salesmk@snozoneuk.com for more details.

originalmusic

THE Linda Watkins Band will bring their diverse music and original songwriting to Stony Stratford's Song Loft.

The band is known to capture audiences with their storytelling songs and unique instruments. The show on Friday starts at 8.15pm and tickets costs £7 per person. Email songloft@googlemail.com.



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It's not nice being away from home but the standard of it really makes a difference, staying in a nice, clean and lovely place.

I definitely would recommend it highly to all my friends and family."



PROPERTYNEWS

Wednesday, January 8, 2014



Downhead Park

TAYLORS Executive Homes is delighted to offer a unique opportunity to buy this south facing residence situated on a corner plot designed by Edward Cullinan Architects.

With versatile accommodation over four levels and offering a

wide variety of uses, this home has a substantial lounge, which boasts high ceilings and a balcony overlooking the garden that offers great views of Milton Keynes. It is also overlooked by a galleried family room.

There is also a dining room,

study, utility room, five bedrooms, three en-suites and a family bathroom.

Outside there is an electrically operated double gated driveway with ample private parking and a double garage.

The property has a pedestrian

entrance, private gardens and a beautiful patio.

This wonderful family home, on the market for £650,000, is offered with no upper chain and viewings are available on request. Call Taylors Executive Homes on 01908 240981.

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- Large Rear Garden
- Kitchen/Breakfast

An exceptional six bedroom detached, individual design, family home in this quiet cul-de-sac in Furztown. Includes a double garage that has been partially converted into a gym, gas central heating and a large private rear garden.

£665,000



Downhead Park

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

A unique opportunity to purchase this south facing residence situated on a corner plot designed by Edward Cullinan Architects. With versatile accommodation over four levels this property boasts a substantial lounge with high ceilings looking up to galleried family room.

£650,000



Old Farm Park

- Sought After Location
- Good School Catchment Area
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Two En-Suites
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage

A five bedroom detached property in the popular location of Old Farm Park that has been maintained to a very high standard by the current owners and located in a cul-de-sac with views over the green to the front.

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- Self Contained Annexe
- Double Garage

Delightful 300 year old barn conversion with half an acre garden and a detached annexe in the highly sought after location of Sherington Bridge. Formally part of the Chicheley Estate the Barn retains many of its original features and has been developed to a high standard.

£690,000

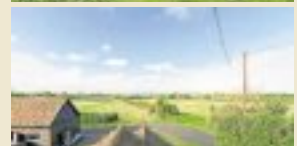


North Crawley

- Victorian Barn Conversion
- Countryside Views
- Village Location
- Stables
- Four Bedrooms
- Farmhouse Kitchen

Located in the sought after location of Pound Lane, North Crawley is this fantastic barn conversion offering ample living space and countryside views. Includes private rear garden leading to stables and stable yard.

£475,000

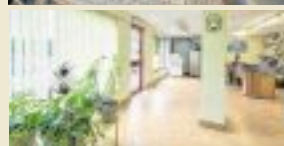


Wavendon

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Potential to Extend
- Large Brick Built Shed

This property was originally the old Post Office in the village of Wavendon. The property offers versatile accommodation and enormous potential to extend.

£450,000



Bletchley

- Detached House
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Garden
- Double Garage

A five bedroom detached plot situated on a corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac. This family home in brief offers lounge, dining room, family room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast and downstairs cloakroom.

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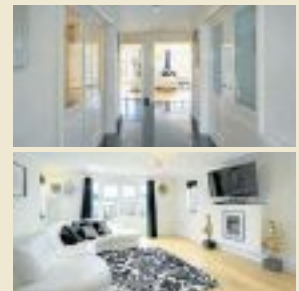


Bletchley

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

Oakwood House is situated in a small gated development offering privacy and a peaceful environment off Newton Road. The current owners had many high specification extras added when the house was built and have maintained the property beautifully.

£440,000



Monkston Park

- Detached Property
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Sought After Area of Monkston Park
- Short Walk to Local Schools & Parkland
- Kitchen/Diner & Utility Room
- Single Garage & Off Road Parking

Located in a good school catchment area is this five double bedroom detached property situated in the sought after area of Monkston Park within a short walk of the local schools and parkland.

£415,000

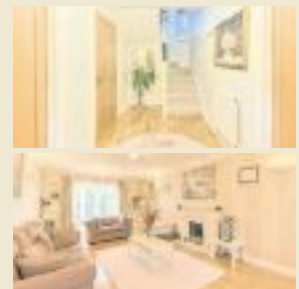


Monkston Park

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Lounge & Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Popular Location
- Front & Rear Gardens

An extremely well presented four bedroom detached family home located in the popular Monkston Park area. Close to open parkland and offering light, spacious accommodation. An early viewing is highly recommended.

£399,999





Loughton £375,000

- Detached Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gardens & Garage



Two Mile Ash £349,995

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking



Kingsmead £325,000

- Detached House
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory & Garden



Monkston £325,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking



Monkston £310,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Sought After Location



Springfield £259,995

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking



Broughton £245,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Semi Detached Property



Downs Barn £235,000

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens



Old Farm Park £230,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking



Emerson Valley £227,500

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking



Vizion £215,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Parking
- Communal Gardens
- Central Location



Oldbrook £206,950

- Link Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking



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- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Off Road Parking



Shenley Church End £189,995

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking



Stantonbury £185,000

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garden & Garage



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EPC E



Old Farm Park £385,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden



UNDER OFFER

EPC C



Middleton £375,000

- Detached House/Villa
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

EPC C



Ashland £289,995

- Detached Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Garden & Garage

EPC C



Downhead Park £275,000

- Four Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Enclosed Garden

EPC D



Walton £230,000

- Two Storey Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Downstairs
- Kitchen/Diner/Living Room

EPC C



Great Linford £220,000

- Detached Chalet Style Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

EPC E



Old Farm Park £199,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden

EPC D



Eaglestone £195,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden

EPC D



Great Holm £195,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Dining Room & Conservatory
- Front & Rear Garden

EPC C



Broughton £180,000

- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Bradwell £150,000

- Three Bedroom House
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- Lounge & Bathroom

EPC D



Broughton £85,000

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Resident Parking

Awaiting EPC



Milton Keynes £32,500

- One Bedroom Flat
- Shared Ownership
- Communal Entrance
- Secure Parking

EPC B



Newport Pagnell **£325,000**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Four Bedrooms
 ● Two Reception Rooms
 ● Off Road Parking



North Crawley **£315,000**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Two Bedrooms
 ● Lounge/Diner
 ● Conservatory
 ● Views, Gardens & Parking



Newport Pagnell **£289,995**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Four Bedrooms
 ● Lounge & Dining Room
 ● Garage Parking



Redhouse Park **£250,000**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Three Bedrooms
 ● Two Bathrooms
 ● Off Street Parking



Sherington **£245,000**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Three Bedrooms
 ● Lounge & Dining Room
 ● Rear Garden



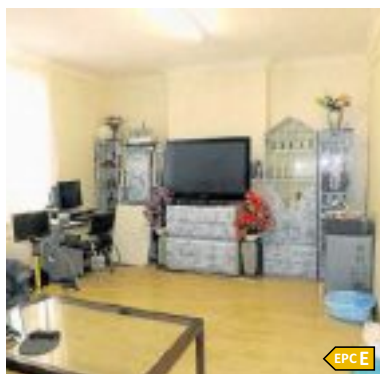
Redhouse Park **£165,000**
 ● Detached Coach House
 ● Two Bedrooms
 ● Two Bathrooms
 ● Off Road Parking



Newport Pagnell **£125,000**
 ● Cluster Home
 ● One Bedroom
 ● Lounge/Diner
 ● Gardens & Parking



New Bradwell **£295,000**
 ● Four Bedrooms
 ● End Terrace
 ● Double Garage
 ● Kitchen/Breakfast
 ● Rear Lobby



Hanslope **£245,000**
 ● Detached Thatched Cottage
 ● Two Double Bedrooms
 ● Original Exposed Beams
 ● Kitchen/Breakfast Room



New Bradwell **£145,000**
 ● Terraced Property
 ● Two Bedrooms
 ● Two Reception Rooms
 ● No Chain



Greenleys **£140,000**
 ● Terraced Property
 ● One Bedroom
 ● Residents Parking
 ● Garden



Wolverton **£140,000**
 ● Duplex Apartment
 ● Three Bedrooms
 ● Lounge/Diner
 ● Off Road Parking



New Bradwell **£120,000**
 ● Terraced Property
 ● One Bedroom
 ● Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
 ● Off Road Parking



New Bradwell **£110,000**
 ● Second Floor Apartment
 ● Two Double Bedrooms
 ● Lounge/Diner
 ● Allocated Parking

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Oxley Park **£360,000**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Five Bedrooms
 ● Four Bathrooms
 ● Double Garage & Gardens



Westcroft **£329,995**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Four Bedrooms
 ● Two Reception Rooms
 ● Four Bathrooms



Oakhill **£270,000**
 ● Four Bedroom Three Storey Home
 ● Two Reception Rooms
 ● Driveway & Garage
 ● Conservatory & No Chain



Oxley Park **OIEO £265,000**
 ● Semi Detached Property
 ● Four Bedrooms
 ● Two Bathrooms
 ● Garage Parking



Oxley Park **£225,000**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Three Bedrooms
 ● Front & Rear Gardens
 ● Off Road Parking



Shenley Brook End **POA**
 ● Ground Floor Maisonette
 ● Two Bedrooms
 ● Two Bathrooms
 ● Gardens



Westcroft **£57,000**
 ● First Floor Apartment
 ● One Bedroom
 ● Show Home Condition
 ● Shared Ownership Scheme



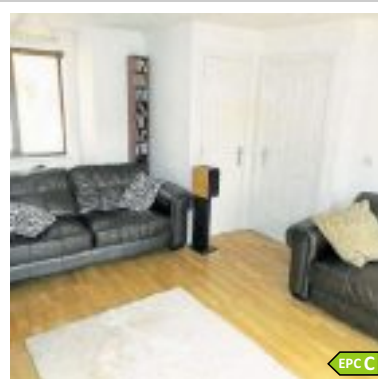
Emerson Valley **£48,000**
 ● Ground Floor Maisonette
 ● One Bedroom
 ● Communal Gardens
 ● Allocated Parking



Woburn Sands **£365,000**
 ● Detached Property
 ● Five Bedrooms
 ● Lounge & Dining Room
 ● Garage Parking



Broughton **£270,000**
 ● Link Detached Property
 ● Four Bedrooms
 ● Two Reception Rooms
 ● Two Bathrooms
 ● Garage Parking



Monkston **£189,999**
 ● Popular Location
 ● Three Bedrooms
 ● Lounge/Diner
 ● Good Access to Major Roads



Middleton **£171,995**
 ● Upper Floor Flat
 ● Two Bedrooms
 ● Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
 ● Two Bathrooms



Broughton **£135,000**
 ● Two Bedroom First Floor apartment
 ● Balcony & En-Suite
 ● Off Road Parking
 ● Close to Amenities



Walnut Tree **£95,000**
 ● Ideal Investment or First Time Buy
 ● No Chain
 ● Close to Amenities
 ● Good Access to Major Roads



Old Farm Park **£42,000**
 ● Upper Floor Apartment
 ● One Bedroom
 ● Balcony
 ● Shared Ownership



Bletchley **£220,000**

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Popular Location
- Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms



EPC D



Bletchley **£199,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Annexe/Office
- Ample Parking



Awaiting EPC



Bletchley **£175,000**

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Close to Town Centre
- Master Bedroom En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended



EPC E



Bletchley **£160,000**

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage



EPC C



Bletchley **£154,995**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens



Awaiting EPC



Bletchley **£147,500**

- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom



EPC B



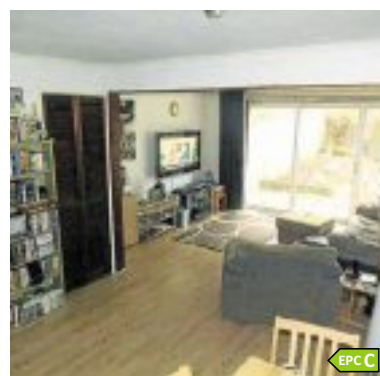
Bletchley **£45,000**

- Shared Ownership
- Lounge Diner & Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- No Chain



Bletchley **£135,000**

- Terraced Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing



EPC C



Milton Keynes **£30,000**

- Shared Ownership
- Upper Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom

EPC B

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Haversham £350,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Conservatory



Stoke Bruerne

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge



£325,000

- En-Suite Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage Parking
- Views Over Fields



Stony Stratford £120,000

- One Bedroom Maisonette
- Fully Refurbished
- Garden
- No Chain



Bercham £100,000

- One Bedroom Maisonette
- No Upper Chain
- Investment Opportunity
- Tenant Available



Old Stratford £85,000

- Flat/Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Living Space
- Viewing Recommended



Deanshanger £267,500

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden & Parking

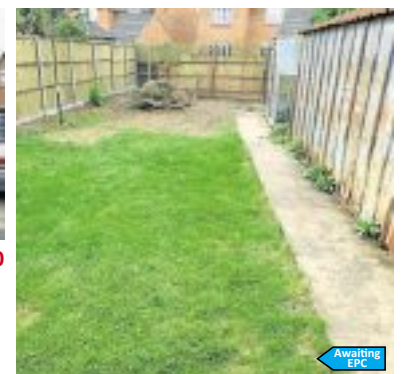


EPC B



Old Stratford £210,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Generous Garden

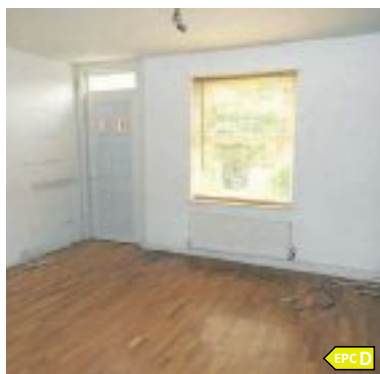


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Stony Stratford £190,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Character Property
- Enclosed Rear Garden



EPC D



Potterspury £180,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Garden
- Off Road Parking



EPC D

Property of the week



EPC D



Newport Pagnell **£360,000**

Four bedroom detached family home in the sought after road of Flora Thompson Drive on the poets, the property benefits from a private location, remote double garage, en-suite and conservatory.



NEW

EPC C



Ashland **£300,000**

Located at the end of a shared private driveway is this well presented four bedroom detached townhouse property. Offering spacious living throughout, private rear garden and within close distance to lovely lakeside walks.



EPC D



Haversham **£270,000**

Much improved by the current owners, this house offers a wealth of versatility and space throughout. The home has brand new flooring in many of the rooms, including the re-fitted kitchen, lounge, dining room and downstairs cloakroom.



EPC G

Newport Pagnell **£325,000**

Four bedroom detached family home situated in the 'Poets' area of Newport Pagnell, the property has beautiful views over bury fields and walks backing onto open parkland.

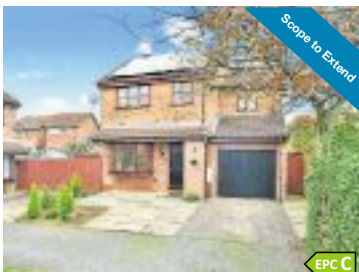


SSTC Sim Req

Awaiting EPC

Haversham **£299,999**

This stunningly presented three double bedroom property was individually built in 2006 in the ever popular 1930's style, the home is set on an impressive plot in the peaceful village of Haversham.



Scope to Extend

EPC C

Bancroft **£275,000**

Located in a sought after location is this spacious four bedroom detached family home. Offering plenty of living space throughout with scope to extend, private rear garden and master en-suite.



EPC D

Haversham **£270,000**

A stunning family home set in the extremely sought after village of Haversham. Much improved by the current owners, this house offers a wealth of versatility and space throughout.



EPC C

Redhouse Park **£250,000**

Well presented detached family home situated in the popular new development of 'Redhouse Park', the property benefits from being homely yet modern throughout.



EPC C

SSTC Sim Req

Oakhill **£250,000**

Located within the sought after location of Otterburn Crescent, Oakhill, is this well presented four bedroom semi detached townhouse.



Scope to Extend

EPC D

Shenley Brook End **£235,000**

Located within the sought after location of Shenley Brook End, this well presented three bedroom semi detached property has been fully refurbished throughout with a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.



EPC C

Heelands **£144,995**

Located within short distance to Central Milton Keynes, is this three bedroom end terrace property with no upper chain, ideal for all investors.



First Time Buyers

EPC C

Broughton **£87,500**

Spacious one bedroom, top floor apartment. Offering a large lounge/diner with balcony and a separate kitchen, this property is ideal for all first time buyers.

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EPC AWAITED

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Broughton

£300,000



EPC D

Central living at its best. This terraced house is set over four levels and has a unique layout. With a galleried dining area overlooking the lounge which has floor to second floor ceiling height windows. Viewing is essential to appreciate the layout.

Campbell Park

£320,000



NEW

EPC C

Viewing is highly recommended on this larger than average three bedroom mid terraced house with a garage. The property is offered for sale with no above chain and situated with the Kingston retail park nearby and good road links to the M1.

Broughton

£215,000



NEW

EPC D

- No Above Chain
- Ground Floor Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Good Access To CMK And The Hospital

Springfield



NEW

EPC E

- No Above Chain
- Lounge
- Dining Area
- 2 Bedrooms
- Electric Heating
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- Cul-De-Sac Location

Bletchley

£145,000



EPC C

- First Floor
- Maisonette
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Parking
- 100% Share Available

Bletchley

£75,000



NEW

EPC D

- Detached
- Refurbished
- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Potential To Extend (stpp)
- Architect Drawings
- Sought After Location

Emerson Valley

£225,000



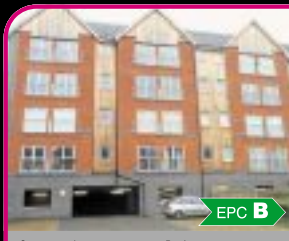
NEW

EPC C

- No Above Chain
- Seventh Floor
- 1 Bedroom
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Secure Entry
- Town Centre Location

Bletchley

£74,950



EPC B

- Spacious Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Secure Parking
- Bike Storage
- Intercom Entry

Fenny Stratford

£122,500



NEW

EPC C

- No Above Chain
- Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- 7th Floor
- Secure Parking
- Open Plan Living Area
- Central Location

The HUB

£139,950



EPC AWAITED

- Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Utility
- Fitted Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom

Deanshanger

£239,995



NEW

EPC D

- Terraced
- Refurbished
- Views Of Canal
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge With Balcony
- Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

New Bradwell

£149,950



EPC C

- No Above Chain
- 3 Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Desirable Location

Monkston

£189,999



EPC D

A large five bedroom detached home in a sought after location. Comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, study, dining room, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite, four further bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and double garage.

Westcroft

£395,000



EPC D

On a generous plot and in an enviable cul-de-sac position just off the Shenley Road, a recently renovated three bedroom detached bungalow. Updated to a high standard with many improvements and additions. Close to amenities.

Bletchley

OIEO £250,000



EPC C

Ideal house if you have visiting guests or a teenager that needs their own space. This five bedroom detached house includes a self contained one bedroom annexe. The property is offered in excellent condition throughout with well maintained gardens.

Bancroft

OIEO £375,000

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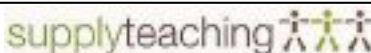
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This is an exciting opportunity to join our busy Contact Support Service, where you'll make sure that complex, supervised contact sessions happen in a safe, well-planned way. As well as working on the frontline with adults and children, you will join planning and review meetings, and help to ensure that our growing service runs smoothly day-to-day. With up to six Contact Support Assistants to supervise, it's important you're a qualified Social Worker with good communication skills and a firm grasp of the Council's ethos regarding the support of Children and Young People in Milton Keynes. A vehicle and full driving licence are essential.

For informal enquiries, please contact Garry Lake or Gini Marshall on 01908 253232.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Social Worker – Older People & Physical Disability Service

£21,067-£33,998

Ref: 50013054

We're looking for a qualified Social Worker to join the Review Team within our Older People & Physical Disability Service. The Team assesses people living in residential and nursing placements to determine how best to meet their needs. In this key role, you'll be expected to carry out safeguarding investigations and to attend multi-disciplinary meetings – particularly those regarding continuing healthcare funding. We'll also look to you to develop an overview of quality assurance issues amongst local providers and to be a source of guidance within the wider team. Good communication and IT skills are essential.

For informal enquiries, please contact Fi Walshe on 01908 253159.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Social Worker – Post-adoption Support

£25,727-£33,998

Ref: 50016180

This is an opportunity for a qualified adoption Social Worker to join our Post-Adoption Team and take on a range of responsibilities. We'll look to you to undertake needs assessment with adoptive families and to tackle a variety of issues by working directly with adopters, children and adults. Your role will also involve giving counselling to adoptees who want to search for their birth records or meet birth parents/family members. The role calls for an experienced and IT-literate Social Worker, with knowledge of adoption legislation and awareness of child protection.

For informal enquiries, please contact Carol Noble on 01908 253404.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Social Worker – Referral & Assessment

£25,727-£33,998

Ref: 50020218

Fixed term for one year

The government has allocated Local Authorities extra time and funding to implement numerous changes in adoption processes, brought by adoption reforms. We're now looking for experienced Social Workers who can help us recruit and assess prospective adopters within these new timescales. It's a chance to help children find loving families by contributing to complex assessments and applying your knowledge of child development. Proven assessment skills and experience in child care social work are essential. A good understanding of attachment issues for children and prospective adopters would be an advantage, but isn't essential.

For informal enquiries, please contact Carol Noble on 01908 253404.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Closing Date for all posts is 26th January 2014

Milton Keynes Council is working jointly with the Trade Unions on the introduction of a new Job Evaluation scheme for all single status posts. Therefore the advertised grade and salary for these roles may change following the outcome of the Job Evaluation exercise.

To apply online visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/jobs-careers For an application form, email: jobs@milton-keynes.gov.uk Please quote appropriate reference. Salaries will normally start at the first point of the grade. We are unable to accept CVs, unless accompanied by a completed application form.It's ability, not disability
that counts**Specialist Teacher – SEND & ICT**

UPS +1 SEN point (2 for relevant qualification/experience)

Ref: 50017903

We're looking for an experienced and enthusiastic professional to join our team of Specialist Teachers on a permanent basis. Starting in September, you will work in partnership with Milton Keynes schools, helping pupils with learning difficulties or disabilities. It's important that you can assess pupils' needs in relation to IT programmes and assistive technology equipment. Using technology, you will help them to access the curriculum and raise their level of achievement. A qualification or expertise in IT field is essential. A qualified teacher, you'll have good interpersonal skills and preferably experience with SEND pupils including those with sensory, medical or complex needs. Please note that you'll be expected to travel between schools.

For informal enquiries, please contact Sue Morgan on 01908 657836.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Stop Smoking Project Support

£17,980-£21,734

Ref: 50020533

If you have administrative experience and good IT skills, you could be the perfect person for our Stop Smoking Service. We're looking for an organised professional to provide comprehensive co-ordination and project support – a task that involves managing the collection of Stop Smoking data; overseeing our database; and dealing with healthcare professionals, partners and the general public. In many ways, you'll be the central focus for the wider team, communicating with a range of people and providers. You'll also deal with patients on a daily basis, offering a choice of interventions. Patient, articulate and good on the phone, you'll help the people of Milton Keynes to firmly kick the habit.

For informal enquiries, please contact Maneka Bhuttae on 01908 254216.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

**Intermediate Care Worker
Orchard House**

£13,725 - £16,215

Ref: 50015782

You'll help those in your care gain their independence after a short period of illness – responding to the individual's needs and delivering exceptional standards of care and therapy support. Working a shift rotation of days and nights, including weekends and bank holidays, you're qualified to NVQ Level 2, health and safety competent and are willing to complete training to fulfill CQC standards.

Excellent communication and relationship-building skills are both essential, as is a valid driving licence.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Linda Watts on 01908 321359.

Library Community Liaison Specialist

£21,067 - £25,727 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

Ref: 50019278

Exceptional written and spoken communication skills and an expert knowledge of marketing and communications are central to this role. You'll be developing communications strategies and delivering marketing campaigns to ensure that library activities and events are well-promoted and recognised by our communities. We're looking for applications from degree educated or industry experienced marketing professionals who are also well organised and have an understanding on how libraries work and the services they provide.

For informal enquiries, please contact Eric Wright on 01908 254204.

Public Health Project Support

£17,802 - £21,519

Ref: 50020481

If you are IT-literate with experience in administration, you could be part of our Public Health Project Support team. It's a chance to make a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of local people by helping public health consultants and practitioners to deliver all sorts of projects. To succeed, you must be organised and able to tackle several projects simultaneously. You should also be comfortable working independently, as part of a small team and building strong working relationships, using your good communication and interpersonal skills. RSA 3 would be ideal, but we'll also accept equivalent experience and the ability to use IT systems to a high standard.

For informal enquiries, please contact Sue Gardiner on 01908 254222.



Faculty Team Support Assistant – English

Grade MK5 £15,213 – £18,515 • 37 hours a week, Term time only

Site Team Assistant

Grade MK4 – £15,882 – £18,638 • 37 hours a week, 52 weeks a year

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- To work within a faculty to support the realisation of the planned and personalised curricula (including learning support for small groups alongside clerical & administrative tasks).
- To provide cover for absent teachers (primarily, though not exclusively within your Faculty); that includes supervising classes/groups of students, generally assisting students and ensuring that they carry out the tasks set by teachers.

The post holder will need to be confident in the use of IT programmes including Word, Excel and Outlook, be able to use their own initiative and work with minimal supervision.

A vacancy has also arisen for a new Site Team Assistant to join our fantastic team. We are looking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic person with DIY experience who is willing to be flexible as the role requires the successful candidate to work shift patterns and also work occasional weekends. The shift patterns alternate between morning (7am – 3pm) and evening (2.30-10.30pm), please note the times are only a guide and can change subject to school needs. Experience of working within a school environment is desirable however not essential for the role.

Please do find out more about the Academy at our website – www.thehazeleyacademy.com.

Please provide a covering letter stating why you wish to work at The Hazeley and what qualities you can bring to the Academy.

An application pack is available from our website www.thehazeleyacademy.com or alternatively you can contact Mrs Roshni Gandhi-Patel, HR Administration Assistant, at the address below.

The closing date for applications to be received in school is 12.00 p.m. on Friday 24th January.

The Hazeley Academy is an equal opportunities employer. The Hazeley Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

Recruitment, The Hazeley Academy, Emperor Drive, Milton Keynes, MK8 0PT
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Website: www.hazeley.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Principal: Mr Mark Bennison MA BSc(Hons) NPQH FRSA



The Walnuts School

Admiral Drive, Hazeley,
Milton Keynes MK8 0PU
Telephone: 01908 563885
Fax: 01908 555617
Headteacher: Nick Jackman

The Walnuts School is an all age (4 – 19) residential special school, for pupils with autistic spectrum disorders. We are seeking additional staff to join our dedicated, established team of staff. Experience and enthusiasm is a requirement for the posts, as is a genuine empathy with children and young people. The ability to be flexible, innovative and reliable is highly desirable. The Walnuts has a successful record of staff development and training including knowledge and understanding of autism for all staff. The posts shown below could be permanent or fixed term contracts.

Experienced Teaching Assistants

£15,882 – £25,727 (FTE) • Required as soon as possible

We require experienced Teaching Assistants to cover maternity leave and temporary contracts. We welcome applications from Teaching Assistants with a range of qualifications and from those with HLTA status.

Candidates with a knowledge of Urdu or Braille are particularly welcome to apply.
Also

Residential Care Officers

£16,604 – £18,638 (FTE) • Required as soon as possible • 37 hours a week, 39 weeks a year, plus 5.3 weeks paid holiday, split shift basis • Part time hours paid pro rata.

You will be qualified to NVQ level 3 in care for children & young people or be working towards this. Willingness to undertake further work related training is essential. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience.

The hours required for this role will be:

- Monday – 2.30pm to 9.00pm
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- Friday – 7.00am to 9.30am

We also require additional residential supply staff.

Supply staff are needed to cover shifts as and when required, for early and late shifts from Monday to Sunday.

Please call 01908 563885 if you wish to discuss these posts further and to arrange a visit. Alternatively, email: admin@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Recent applicants need not re-apply.

Closing date: Friday, 24th January 2014.

Interview date: w/c 27th January 2014.

This post requires an enhanced DBS check (previously CRB). This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are an equal opportunities employer.



LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Barnfield South Academy, Luton

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1x 37hrs pw, 1x 32hrs pw, 2x 25hrs pw

Closing Date: 12 noon, Wednesday 22nd January 2014

Required for: ASAP

We are seeking to appoint a number of Learning Support Assistants to join the Academy to support students in raising achievement. Applicants will be required to support students with a range of learning needs, including global development delay.

You should be dynamic and enthusiastic and have the ability to establish real rapport with young people.

You will have experience in working with young people (desirably an NVQ 2 qualification in learning support or equivalent) and be committed to making a difference.

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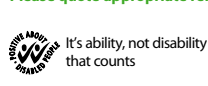
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Walton High uses the Milton Keynes Education Trust teachers' salary range, which is above the national pay scale for teachers.

Support staff vacancies:
Behaviour Support Assistant
Term Time only, MK4 £15,882 - £18,638 pro rata
Office Administrator
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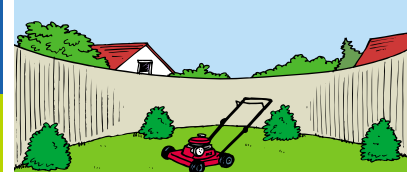
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A) THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A505 DUNSTABLE, CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE TO A4146 MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes to enable embankment reinforcement, safety barrier works and footway reconstruction to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place overnight on (7pm-6am) starting on, or after, Saturday 11 January 2014 and to last until March 2014.

The effect of the Order will be to –

- impose a 40 miles per hour speed limit, in conjunction with narrow lanes for 24 hours daily throughout the works, between points 30 metres north and 380 metres north of its junction with Eastern Way, Hockliffe. Cyclists and pedestrians will be directed onto an adjacent temporary route through the traffic management, and
- close the A5 from its junction with the A505 Roundabout, Dunstable to its junction with the A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, Milton Keynes – diverting northbound traffic via the A505 and A4146 to rejoin the A5 at Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout and vice versa.

Access to and from property will be maintained at all times during the works.

The speed limit (which will not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles), closures (which will not apply to emergency service, winter maintenance, traffic officer or works vehicles) and diversion routes will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 9 January 2014 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WITAN GATE (PART), CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along that part of the south-eastbound carriageway of Witan Gate, Central Milton Keynes from its junction with Midsummer Boulevard to its junction with Avebury Boulevard and to prohibit all access along that part of the north-east side of the footway on Witan Gate, Central Milton Keynes running along the south-west side of number 599 Witan Gate. It is anticipated that these closures will commence for approximately one day only within the period from Monday 20th January 2014 until 21st February 2014, inclusive, dependent on weather conditions. The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the carriageway closure will be to proceed via Midsummer Boulevard, Lower Fourth Street and Avebury Boulevard and vice versa.

The alternative route for all traffic affected by the footway closure will be to proceed via the existing footway along Holkham Walk.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary because of essential works being carried out, namely works to replace broken glazing at number 2 Witan Gate which will require the placing of a cherry picker on the carriageway in order to lift and replace the glazing. There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for emergency services and military vehicles on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 20th January 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOLLY LANE, NORTH CRAWLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8 January 2014 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Folly Lane, North Crawley, Milton Keynes from its junction with High Street to its junction with Cranfield Road to allow safe access to BT carriageway boxes whilst essential cabling works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 9.30 am until 3.30 pm on 14 January 2014.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via High Street, College Road and Cranfield Road, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOOTWAY (PART), A5130 NEWPORT ROAD, BROOKLANDS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable works to be carried out, namely works on the highway to install a belt mouth opening, driveway crossovers and parking spaces as well as the installation of a gas main and fibre optic cabling. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that part of the north side of the footway on the A5130 Newport Road, Brooklands from its junction with Broughton Grounds Lane to a point approximately 100 metres south-east of a point in line with the junction of Amber Gate, Broughton. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from Thursday 16th January 2014 until Sunday 16th February 2014, inclusive.

The alternative route for access will be via a temporary footway and the existing footway on the south side of the carriageway. There will also be a temporary signalled crossing point on the A5130 in order to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians to the south side footway.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for the emergency services.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 16th January 2014 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

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11/11	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 (NEW SHAPE) ESTATE, 5 SPEED, SILVER, AIR/CON, ABS BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, PARKING SENSORS, ONLY 6,000 MILES		£11,995				
12/62	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 AUTOMATIC (NEW SHAPE) ESTATE, INK BLUE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK INCLUDING PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, 5,000 MILES		£12,995				
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09/09	FOCUS	2.0	CONVERTIBLE COUPE, 5 SPEED, IRIS, A/C, ABS, ALLOYS, 18,000 MILES		£7,995				
10/60	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6, 5 SPEED, 5 DOOR, INK BLUE, A/C, ABS BRAKES, ALLOYS, ELECTRIC PACK, 11,000 MILES		£8,495				
11/11	FOCUS	SPORT	1.6, 5 SPEED, 5 DOOR, VISION BLUE, AIR/CON, ABS BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, ALLOY WHEELS, PARKING SENSORS, SAT/NAVIGATION, 16,000 MILES		£8,995				
10/60	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR, VISION BLUE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK WITH PARKING SENSORS, ONLY 9,000 MILES		£8,995				
10/10	FOCUS	TITANIUM	1.6, 5 DOOR, SILVER, AIR/CON, EXTRA INCLUDE SPORT PACK, 13,000 MILES		£9,495				

NEW SHAPE FOCUS									
11/61	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 (NEW SHAPE) 5 SPEED COLORADO RED, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRICAL PACK, PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, CHOICE OF TWO AVAILABLE, 13,000 MILES & 7,000 MILES	.....	£9,995				
12/12	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 (NEW SHAPE) 5 SPEED, 5 DOOR, SILVER, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK WITH PARKING SENSORS, 11,000 MILES	.....	£10,995				
12/62	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 TDCI ECO BOOST, 6 SPEED, 5 DOOR, SEA GREY, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK WITH PARKING SENSORS, ONLY 4,000 MILES	.....	£12,495				
C-MAX									
09/59	C-MAX	ZETEC	1.6, 5 SPEED, OCEAN BLUE, AIR CON, ABS BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, ALLOY WHEELS, 15,000 MILES	.....	£7,495				
09/59	C-MAX	ZETEC	2.0 AUTOMATIC, SILVER, A/C, ABS, ELECTRIC PACK, PRIVACY GLASS, ALLOYS, 13,000	.....	£7,995				
FIESTA									
09/59	FIESTA	STYLE+	1.25 5 SPEED, 5 DOOR, VISION BLUE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, ONLY 18,000 MILES	.....	£6,695				
09/59	FIESTA	STYLE	+ 1.4 AUTOMATIC, 5 DOOR, MORELLO RED, A/C, ABS, ELECTRIC PACK INC HEATED FRONT SCREEN, 12,000 MILES	.....	£6,995				
09/09	FIESTA	ZETEC	1.4 NEW SHAPE, 5 SPEED, 5 DOOR, CEDAR GREEN, AIR/CON, ABS, ALLOY WHEELS, 10,000 MILES	.....	£6,995				
12/12	FIESTA	EDGE	1.25 5 SPEED, 5 DOOR, SILVER, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, ONLY 10,000 MILES	.....	£8,495				
12/12	FIESTA	ZETEC	1.4, 3 DOOR, 5 SPEED, SILVER, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK WITH PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, 8,000 MILES	.....	£8,995				
11/61	FIESTA	TITANIUM	1.4 AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR, FASHIONISTA BRONZE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, FULL ELECTRIC PACK, INCLUDING PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, ONLY 7,000 MILES		£9,995				
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08/58	S-MAX	TITANIUM	2.0 TDCI, 6 SPEED, CHILL SILVER, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, FULL ELECTRIC PACK INCLUDING PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, ONLY 20,000 MILES		£10,995				
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09/09	FUSION	ZETEC	1.6 AUTOMATIC, SILVER, AIR/CON, ABS BRAKES, ALLOY WHEELS, ELECTRIC PACK, 11,000 MILES		£5,995				
09/59	FUSION	ZETEC	AUTOMATIC, TANGO RED, AIR/CON, ABS BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, ALLOY WHEELS, 10,000 MILES	.....	£6,995				
09/59	FIESTA	STYLE	+ 1.4 AUTOMATIC, 5 DOOR, MORELLO RED, A/C, ABS, ELECTRIC PACK INC HEATED FRONT SCREEN, 12,000 MILES	.....	£6,995				
09/59	NISSAN	MICRA	ACENTA AUTOMATIC, METALLIC BEIGE, AIR/CON, ABS BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, ALLOY WHEELS, 12,000 MILES	.....	£7,495				
09/59	C-MAX	ZETEC	2.0 AUTOMATIC, SILVER, A/C, ABS, ELECTRIC PACK, PRIVACY GLASS, ALLOYS, 13,000 MILES	.....	£7,495				
09/59	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 AUTOMATIC ESTATE, VISION BLUE, AIR CON, ABS BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK, ALLOY WHEELS, 11,000/13,000 MILES, CHOICE OF 2	.....	£7,995				
10/60	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR, VISION BLUE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK WITH PARKING SENSORS, ONLY 8,000 MILES	.....	£8,995				
11/61	FIESTA	TITANIUM	1.4 AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR, FASHIONISTA BRONZE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, FULL ELECTRIC PACK, INCLUDING PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, ONLY 7,000 MILES	.....	£9,995				
09/09	MONDEO	ZETEC	2.0 TDCI AUTOMATIC ESTATE, INK BLUE, AIR/CON, ABS BRAKES, ALLOY WHEELS, 16,000 MILES	.....	£10,995				
12/62	FOCUS	ZETEC	1.6 AUTOMATIC (NEW SHAPE) ESTATE, INK BLUE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC PACK INCLUDING PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, 5,000 MILES	.....	£12,995				
COMMERCIALS									
09/09	VOLKSWAGON	CADDY	C20 PLUS SDI PANEL VAN, 5 SPEED, BLUE, AIR/CON, A.B.S BRAKES, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, 41,000 MILES	.....	£5,995+VAT				
10/60	VOLKSWAGON	CADDY	69PS SDI PANEL VAN, 5 SPEED, WHITE, ABS BRAKES, REMOTE LOCKING 33,000 MILES	.....	£6,395+VAT				



DONS

Reeves happy to play up front if needed with Bamford gone

BY SCOTT KIRK

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BEN Reeves would not be fazed by the prospect of playing up front when MK Dons take on Shrewsbury Town at stadiummk on Saturday.

Patrick Bamford played his last game for the club in the 3-3 draw at holders Wigan Athletic in the third round of the FA Cup on Saturday, scoring the equalising goal towards the end of the game.

But with the prolific Chelsea forward now heading to Championship Derby County after the expiry of his loan at League One Dons, options for the lone striker role look sparse.

Reeves has enjoyed a good run of goalscoring form of late, scoring twice against Wigan to add to the three goals he scored in consecutive games in December.

It has propelled him to be a contender for the number nine shirt for the visit of Shrewsbury this weekend, with Daniel Powell, Alan Smith and new arrival Chris Long also in the frame.

"The manager said I might find myself up front sometimes," said former Southampton man Reeves. "I'm sure he knows what he's doing and we'll see who plays up there in the next game."

"I'm sure the players don't worry about who plays where because at the moment the players trust in each other, that's the main thing."

Despite a slow start in the Wigan game, Reeves felt Dons could have come away from a highly entertaining 3-3 draw with more than just next Tuesday night's replay.

And it was not all glory for Reeves with his two goals, as it was his mistake which allowed Wigan to take the lead through Honduran Roger Espinoza.

"Apart from the first 20 to 25 minutes it was an enjoyable game to play in," he said.



Deadly double: Ben Reeves tucks home his first goal at Wigan's DW Stadium.

Picture: Andy Handley

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"I think we felt we could have come away with a little bit more but Wigan are a good side and we proved that we can play against teams like that."

"The main thing for us was getting back into the game at 2-0 down because we had a slow start and it was good that we got over that."

"The lad hit a well-hit shot but it was my mistake and it was good to make up for it."

Reeves is now hoping a great result at Championship Wigan will now translate into a good run of form in the league.

"It gives us a massive amount of confidence to come back because

they're a good side and they're not the FA Cup holders for no reason," he said. "The main thing for us now is to push on in the league because every little run you can go on can help you."

"We're back in it as we're only six points behind with a game in hand."

"If you win three games in a row we climb up the table."

Reeves found himself further out wide in the game, with Dele Alli and Samir Carruthers his partners in midfield in the usual 4-2-3-1 formation, and he was delighted that his role helped Bamford score his 17th goal of the season in his last game for the club.

"I was meant to be in the hole but because I was getting the ball out wide I just decided to stay out there," he said.

"The manager said me, Samir and Dele could interchange throughout the game and it happened to be that when I moved to the right I got the ball more."

"Later in the second half I moved into the middle to get the ball more and Patrick got a goal in the second half. Patrick is a top player and it has been nice to play with him."

I hope he does well in the future and I hope he can kickstart his career straightaway in the Championship with Derby."

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CHRISTMAS is over and it has been a busy one that's for sure.

We were happy with how our games went over the festive period – the Brentford defeat was a blip and we did everything we could in the 0-0 against Colchester United on New Year's Day but just couldn't score.

I think the keeper probably had as good a game as he ever had in his career what with the attempts we had on goal.

On Saturday at Wigan we were excellent and we could have won the game.

We were 2-0 down and then the players brought it back to 2-2, then we missed the penalty, went 3-2 down and our heads could have dropped but we kept going and got the equaliser.

Now it's a good opportunity to bring them back to stadiummk.

It was a cracking cup tie, a proper old-fashioned one.

The players have worked extremely hard and there are a lot of games coming up, certainly in midweek.

We went up to St. George's Park to watch Dele Alli and Brendan Galloway with England and show our support for them.

Brendan Rodgers, the Liverpool manager, was meant to be in the crowd on Saturday watching Dele and I think clubs are noticing him already.

Liverpool isn't too far from Wigan and maybe they wanted to take in a game, but if he saw Dele he would have been impressed with him. He's a good footballer and I'm sure a lot of people at a higher level will be keeping an eye on him.

He's only 17 and he's got to keep working hard on his game.

It's nice to be in the draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup but Wigan is going to be a tough game and we're not looking any further than that, and of course we've got Shrewsbury before that game anyway, which is another tough game.

NEXT DONS FIXTURES

SAT SHREWSBURY (H) L1
TUES WIGAN (H) FAC3 REPLAY
JAN 18 BRISTOL CITY (A) L1
JAN 21 CREWE (A) L1
JAN 25 PRESTON (H) L1
JAN 28 CARLISLE (A) L1
FEB 1 TRANMERE (H) L1
FEB 8 WALSALL (A) L1

TABLE TENNIS

Extra ping-pong event would suit Baggaley

TABLE tennis ace Andrew Baggaley said he would be happy to see more events such as the World Championships of Ping Pong on the calendar.

The tournament, which saw Baggaley reach the quarter finals this weekend, differs because of the type of bat used.

It is void of the typical sponge used in regular events, with traditional sandpaper rackets preferred, which means it is a lot harder to generate spin on the ball.

The aim of the change is to get the players on a more level field, and Baggaley welcomed the opportunity to use the new style of bat, calling it 'a new sport' to have to learn.

"It's totally different to table tennis," said Baggaley.

"You can't get any spin with the bats so essentially it's a totally different sport."

"But I like the idea and concept behind the principle that everybody has the same type of bat to a degree because it's a level playing field."

"I would love there to be more tournaments and I think it would be a good idea for there to be another competition like this during the year."

Baggaley was beaten in the Alexandra Palace event, which was broadcast on Sky Sports, by Ilija Lupulesku of the United States.

The city 30-year-old said he was pleased that he managed to progress to the last eight in the two-day competition.

He defeated Ireland's Colum

Slevin 2-0 and Tobias Bergman from Sweden 2-1 in the Double Elimination group round.

In the knock-out stages, Russian Dimitri Popov was next to fall to Baggaley thanks to the Milton Keynes man winning in straight sets again, before Paul McCreery of Northern Ireland was sent packing with another 2-0 success.

"I was pleased to reach the quarter-final," said Baggaley.

"All the matches I had to win to get there were hard games so I was happy to get that far."

Baggaley lost 2-0 to Lupesku, who went on to the final, where he was beaten by Maxim Shmyrev of Russia, 3-0.

"I had a good chance to get to the semis and if I had taken that second set it could have been very

different," said Baggaley.

Now Baggaley needs to get used to his table tennis paddle once again before he competes in the Hungarian Open later this month.

The National Championships also take place in March and games in the German Bundesliga could be on the cards, but it's July's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow which Baggaley has a firm eye on.

"It's going to take one or two sessions to get used to playing with the other bat again," said Baggaley.

"But I feel very fresh after Christmas and it was nice to have that time in the season to do other things."

"I've got to get back into practice to try and win the Nationals for a fourth time and then the Commonwealths are the finale."

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
1 Brentford	24	9	1	2	23	10	7	3	2	19	13	+19	52
2 Wolves	25	8	3	2	21	8	6	4	2	18	11	+20	49
3 Leyton Orient	23	6	2	2	20	10	8	4	1	28	13	+25	48
4 Preston	24	5	5	2	17	15	8	3	1	18	9	+11	47
5 Peterborough	24	7	1	4	13	12	5	2	5	23	18	+6	39
6 Rotherham	24	3	6	3	19	20	7	2	3	19	12	+6	38
7 Walsall	24	5	2	4	13	13	5	3	14	9	+5	37	
8 Port Vale	24	6	3	3	19	16	5	0	7	17	21	-1	36
9 Swindon	23	8	1	2	26	14	2	3	7	14	17	+9	34
10 Coventry	24	7	3	3	30	27	5	3	3	22	15	+10	32
11 DONS	23	6	3	3	21	14	3	2	6	15	18	+4	32
12 Bradford	24	4	5	3	21	13	5	4	14	16	+6	31	
13 Crawley	23	5	4	4	13	15	2	4	4	12	15	-5	29
14 Gillingham	25	5	4	5	18	18	3	1	7	15	24	-9	29
15 Colchester	24	4	3	5	15	17	2	7	3	13	15	-4	28
16 Carlisle	24	5	2	5	17	22	2	4	6	9	17	-13	27
17 Shrewsbury	24	4	4	5	12	10	2	4	5	12	17	-3	26
18 Sheffield Utd	24	5	4	3	16	12	1	3	8	7	19	-8	25
19 Oldham	23	3	3	4	10	11	3	3	7	16	21	-6	24
20 Tranmere	24	2	4	5	14	24	4	2	7	14	20	-16	24
21 Crewe	24	4	4	4	13	19	2	2	8	9	28	-25	24
22 Bristol City	23	3	5	5	17	18	1	5	4	16	18	-3	22
23 Notts County	25	1	6	18	13	1	1	2	10	12	25	-8	21

Table does not include matches last night

BADMINTON

Adcocks' Korea bid

CHRIS and Gabby Adcock will lead England's top players straight into New Year action when they tackle the Victor Korea Open from today (Wednesday).

The Adcocks go into a big badminton year boosted by their rise to number five in the world on the back of their Yonex Sunrise Hong Kong Open Superseries triumph in November.

Now the Milton Keynes-based pair head to Seoul for the opening event in the 2014-2017 BWF Superseries cycle under the circuit's new title sponsors MetLife.

The Adcocks will be keen to maintain their world ranking to ensure a good seeding at the European Championships, Commonwealth Games and World Championships, which all take place between April and August.

But first the focus is on the Korean tournament, followed a week later by the year's first Premier Superseries event, the Maybank Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur.

When they return home the Adcocks will turn their attention

Glory: Chris and Gabby Adcock will lead the English effort



to the English National Championships in Milton Keynes in early February when they will aim to recapture the mixed doubles title they won back in 2012.

The Adcocks start their Korean bid with a first-round test against Jun Bong Chan and Ko A Ra.

An opening win will earn the

third seeds a second-round clash with China's Chai Biao and Tang Jinhua or Nipitphon Puangpuapech and Puttita Supajirakul of Thailand.

The pair are drawn in the same half as team-mates and reigning English National champions Chris Langridge and Heather Olver as well as the world's

number one pair Zhang Nan and Zhao Yunlei.

The two England pairs could meet in the quarter-finals.

Chris Adcock will also partner Andy Ellis in the men's doubles challenge, while Gabby Adcock and Lauren Smith face Korea's Jung Kyung Eun and Chan Shin Seung in the first round.

ICE HOCKEY

Break is much-needed



Looking up the league: Lightning head coach Nick Poole

MK LIGHTNING head coach Nick Poole wants his players to kick on after their winter break to see if they can move up the table.

At the start of the season, Poole said he would be happy with a place in the top four to qualify for the English Premier League play-offs.

But with the team in fourth at present, he has challenged his side to see if they can climb the ladder even further.

Confidence will have been rocketed by Lightning's very impressive 7-2 success over fellow high flyers Manchester Phoenix on December 30, their last game before a 12 day hiatus from competitive action.

The Lancastrians are back at Lightning's temporary home of

the Coventry Skydome on Saturday as they look to inflict some immediate revenge on Poole's side.

"It's a much-needed break," said Poole.

"It's good for the guys to spend some time at home.

"We've struggled against Manchester this year until our last game and this week is going to be a really tough game because they'll be looking for revenge."

Grant McPherson is a doubt for the game against Manchester and the trip to Bracknell Bees on Sunday with a knee injury.

Poole hopes the front man can make a recovery, but he is not 100 per cent confident on his return.

McPherson is added to an injury list which already includes

Connor Goode and Lewis Christie.

But despite the injuries, Poole cannot wait for the weekend's double challenge.

"It's a tough weekend but it's important that we keep picking up points so that we can continue to move up the table because we're within striking distance," said Poole.

"At the beginning of the season we said the play-offs but now as the year has progressed we want to try to move up the table.

"I think we have the team to go on and do well."

Manchester are eight points ahead of Lightning in third, with MK leading fifth placed Sheffield Steeldogs by the same margin having played three games less.

RUGBY UNION

Milton Keynes lose out as they drop to fifth

MILTON Keynes moved down to fifth in the table after they were edged out 15-14 by High Wycombe in the only game to be played in the Southern Counties North division.

High Wycombe were dominant for most of the first half. The City defence stood their ground for the first 20 minutes before Wycombe were able to score the first try of the afternoon.

The visitors continued to dominate for the first half hour

and they scored their second try through taking a quick penalty.

The conversion was missed due to Ollie Fountain charging down the kick and High Wycombe took a 10-0 lead.

City's first decent attack of the game was rewarded with a try after 35 minutes. Fountain put the ball over the try line in the corner and Phil Powell made an excellent kick to reduce the arrears to 10-7 at half time.

Milton Keynes were dominant

in the second half but they couldn't take advantage and High Wycombe scored a breakaway try for a 15-7 lead.

City continued to dominate but cold hands and a wet ball meant that errors occurred and it was only in the last minute of the game that they scored the final try to make the game 15-14.

Leaders Bletchley's trip to Alchester was called off due to a waterlogged pitch, and they face a mouth-watering encounter at

home to second placed Aylesbury next weekend.

Olney succumbed to a disappointing 22-0 defeat at Lutterworth in the Midlands Two East (South).

In a game that was dominated by both sets of forwards, Olney's stand out performer was Cameron Keenan, always busy around the scrum and probing to find a breakthrough.

Olney lie eighth in the table after that defeat.

SPORTS SHORTS

ATHLETICS

IN a great start to the New Year, MK Athletic Club's Devon Byrne finished sixth at the England Athletics Indoor Pentathlon in Sheffield with a personal best of 3,683 points and PBs in five events.

Byrne was also the first F23 as she ran the 60m hurdles in a PB of 9.29s, high jumped 1.60m for a PB, putt the shot 11.62m for another PB, long jumped 5.20m and reduced her 800m best to 2m 18.30s.

Meanwhile, the club didn't slip up in the Buckinghamshire County Cross Country Championships despite the poor weather.

Four team titles and an individual one were the order of the day in Luton, with only one team failing to make the podium.

Both the senior and veteran women won their team events, led home by third-placed Elle Roche, with Lara Bromilow fifth despite slipping early on.

The senior men also won, aided by a brilliant individual victory by Chad Lambert crossing the line in 35m 41s.

The U17 men were also first in their race with great runs by all the team, in particular second place from Owen Seamark and fourth by Harry Morton.

The U15 girls were second with another excellent team effort and a superb individual second for Emma Mears in 16m.30s.

The U13 girls, the U13 boys and the U15 boys all came home third.

On the roads it was a busy holiday period for Jeremy Vick as he finished 11th in the Aylesbury Boxing Day Run (5k), taking 18m.13s.

He also came home 17th in the Coventry New Year 5 with a time of 28m 43s.

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING and MK Thunder will take each other on tomorrow evening (Thursday) with the aim of raising money for the not-for-profit rink MKIce.

Thunder are organising a couple of guest players, who will be revealed on game night.

The match cements the community aspect of ice hockey in Milton Keynes and further strengthens the links that MKIce have built and nurtured.

Face-off is 7.30pm and tickets are available before the game and on the door, which cost £8 for adults and £2 for children.

Hot and cold refreshments are also available and parking is free at MKIce, which is situated in the former Waitrose site, Food Hall, Midsummer Boulevard.

DARTS

MILTON Keynes darts youngster Fallon Sherrock is through to the second round of the 2014 Lakeside World Darts Championship after beating Holland's Rikana Erades 2-0 in the first round on Sunday evening.

The 19-year-old faces a daunting task in the quarter-finals though when she comes up against three-times women's world champion Anastasia Dobromyslova, who won the tournament in 2012 and 2013 and previously tried her hand competing against the men in the rival PDC organisation.

However, Sherrock's record is good against the Russian, and she beat Dobromyslova 5-1 in the final of the Women's British Classic in August. The match will take place on Friday.

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Everton forward signs as replacement for Bamford

BY SCOTT KIRK

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EVERTON striker Chris Long has signed for MK Dons on a one-month youth loan deal to replace Chelsea forward Patrick Bamford.

With loanee Bamford now at Championship Derby County following the expiry of his stadiummk deal, Dons have secured the services of Long ahead of the League One clash with Shrewsbury Town on Saturday.

A new front-man was a top priority for the stadiummk outfit as they were unable to secure Bamford – who scored the 17th and last goal of his spell in the 3-3 FA Cup draw at Wigan Athletic on Saturday – beyond January 5 when his loan from Chelsea came to an end.

Despite attempts to keep him Chelsea instead sent him to Derby so he could be tested at a higher level and Dons fans will now be hoping that Long will also be a hit.

The 18-year-old has been with Everton since he was five-years-old and signed his first professional deal at Goodison Park in July.

The teenager has represented England's U16, U17 and U18s, and made two appearances in the U20 World Cup in Turkey last summer.

He is known for his speed and composure in front of goal, and Long will bolster manager Karl Robinson's squad until February 8.

Robinson said the new signing would not be guaranteed an immediate start up front.

The Liverpoolian said Bamford only started playing because he impressed in training so much when he first arrived, and Long would need to equally impress on



Perfect send-off: Patrick Bamford is mobbed after his late leveller at Wigan. Chris Long has now come in to fill the void his departure has left.
Picture: Andy Handley

the training field before a place in the starting line-up would be given.

"When we first brought Patrick in we weren't going to play him but he trained so well that we had to," he said. "I've known Chris since he was seven and he's somebody who has always been high on our list of potential targets."

"He's only young at 18 years of age but he's talented, he's quick and I know he's somebody who The FA speak very highly of."

"We're thankful to Roberto Martinez and Alan Stubbs at Everton for allowing us this opportunity to work with and develop Chris and hopefully we can do that for them."

This year the speedy forward, who has yet to make a first team appearance for Everton, has scored

five goals in 11 U21s Premier League matches, including a brace in a 3-2 defeat to Wolves. Long was also named Academy Player of the Season for 2012/13.

Meanwhile, Robinson said he has spoken to Bamford about him playing for Derby.

"It was a fairytale goodbye for Patrick on Saturday," he said.

"I think all the fans wanted that goal and while it was unfortunate he didn't score at stadiummk on New Year's Day against Colchester in his last home game, the next best thing would be to score in the FA Cup third round."

"He has left on good terms and our fans were brilliant with him."

On Sunday, Dons were drawn against Premier League Crystal Palace at home in the FA Cup fourth

round, should they get past holders Wigan in a replay next Tuesday night.

"I think it's a good draw for us but we've still got to play Wigan in the replay yet," said Robinson.

"They have a lot of quality and it's going to be difficult for us."

"We're under no illusions and we've done 50 per cent of the hard work, but we've still got to play better to beat a team like Wigan."

The replay now means that Dons are faced with seven games in 22 days, and the fixture congestion is a bit of a worry for Robinson.

"It's obviously a worry with how small the group is but they're footballers," he said.

"They always tell me how boring my training is and they want to play games."

Liverpool boss at DW Stadium to run the rule over young star Alli

LIVERPOOL manager Brendan Rodgers was reportedly running the rule over MK Dons youngster Dele Alli in the stadiummk outfit's 3-3 draw at Wigan Athletic on Saturday.

The Reds manager was at the DW stadium for the FA Cup third round tie with chief scout Dave Fallows as Dons drew with the holders.

Seventeen-year-old midfielder Alli has been linked with a host of big name clubs after some commanding performances this season which have belied his age.

He played a prominent role in the draw at the Latics, and is highly likely to move on from Dons at some stage – commanding a sizeable fee – with stadiummk manager Karl Robinson already expressing his hope that the club hang on to the starlet during the January transfer window.

Rodgers and Fallows are said to have left after the England youth international was substituted in the 71st minute of the Wigan game.

Robinson said he wasn't even aware that Rodgers was in the crowd until he saw media reports afterwards.

"I was made aware by the media that he was there," said Robinson.

"It's great to see him there and I know him quite well – it's nice to see people of his stature there."

"There has been a lot of talk about Dele and his development and he was exceptional on Saturday against Wigan."

The Dons manager was at St. George's Park in Burton yesterday to lend his support to Alli and fellow England U17 international Brendan Galloway.

"It's great for us that we can get these young players there and to have two on the pitch against Wigan on Saturday was incredible," added the Dons manager.

"Dele looked exceptional on Saturday and it's strange seeing him play against those his own age."



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